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REALity



Living and Active Faith

MESSIAH

Resurrection Reality: Faith is Living and Active

Generally, our actions are shaped by our beliefs. People who eat low-carb diets do so, probably not because they hate pasta, but because they believe it healthiest. If a man buys stock in a company, it probably is because he believes in their business plan. Our beliefs shape our behavior. This is true of Christians' belief in the resurrection. We believe that Christ's resurrection means our resurrection to a glorious eternal life is guaranteed. That inevitably shapes how we will act now.

However, it is not simply the facts of the resurrection that shape our behavior. It is the person of the resurrection. Jesus is not some wise, dead sage whose advice is contained in dusty books. Jesus lives! Therefore, through his Word, he is able to work on our minds and hearts, molding them to his perfect will. Here is a resurrection reality. Jesus fills us with his Spirit, not only so that we have faith, but also so that we produce the fruits of faith he seeks.



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 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.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD

Call to Worship

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (8:30 a.m.)

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| 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all. | 4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall;
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all. |
| 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God
who from his altar call;
extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all. | 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all. |
| 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all. | 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. |

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Jesus, Name Above All Names (10:30 a.m.)

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior,
glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer,
Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd,
Vine of the branches,
Son of God, Prince of peace,
Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe,
Light of the world.

Jesus, way of salvation,
King of all kings,
Lord of lords,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator,
My Savior and friend.

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Prayer

The Word

First Reading

Acts 4:32–37

In the early church, as the apostles preached the resurrection of Christ, the living Lord produced the fruits of unity and generosity.

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Gospel

John 15:1–8

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Jesus is the vine who gives us, his branches, the ability to produce fruits of faith.

Christ the Vine

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- 1 I long to serve my Savior,
to seek what's good and right,
to trust and never waver,
to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy
requires a pow'r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only
when anchored in a vine.
- 2 There came, with grace unsparing,
a vine from heav'n above,
its branches meant for bearing
the fruits of selfless love.
This vine is Christ who offered
his life upon a tree;
for all my sin he suffered
and made a branch of me.
- 3 And so I'll serve my Savior
with pow'r that he provides,
for he, my blest Redeemer,
within my soul abides.
The fruit of selfless giving
will grow by God's design
as I, the branch, keep living
by faith in Christ the vine.

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Life in Christ the Vine

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Living Hope (10:30 a.m.)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

***Hallelujah Praise the One who set me free Hallelujah
Death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope (2 times)***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Final Chorus

***Hallelujah Praise the One who set me free Hallelujah
Death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope***



Give online.

If you are interested in giving an offering online, you can scan the code above.

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.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (8:30 a.m.)

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- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
flee the world which would deceive us
and to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading,
body here, yet soul above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead; I follow thee.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
to his image e'er conform;
heaven's glory soon will please us,
sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
we shall reap in heav'nly joy,
and the fears that now annoy
shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee;
there, O share thy joy with me.
- 3 Let us also die with Jesus;
his death from the second death,
from our soul's destruction, frees us,
quicken us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
flesh and blood and die to sin,
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee,
there to live eternally.
- 4 Let us gladly live with Jesus;
since he's risen from the dead,
death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members,
where thou livest, there live we;
take and own us constantly,
faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee,
also there eternally.

Kids' Church Sings: Lead a Life of Love (10:30 a.m.)

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 01	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
	<i>NO</i> Highschool Hangout
May 05	Basket Raffle 11:30 a.m.
May 07	Small Group Meeting..... 6:00 p.m.
May 08	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
May 12	Mother's Day
May 14	Admin/Ministry Council Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.
May 15	Preschool Church.....9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
	Highschool/Middle School Hangout 7:00 p.m.
May 16	Preschool Church.....9:00 a.m.
May 19	Confirmation Sunday
May 21	Preschool Year End Program 10:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
May 22	Preschool Year End Program 10:00 a.m.
May 25	Board of Directors Meeting.....9:00 a.m.
May 27	Memorial Day
May 29	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle is next week!

Raffle tickets are still for sale this Sunday April 28th and next Sunday May 5th, but only until after Bible Class. All raffle tickets must be purchased and placed in the basket of your choosing before going into Late Service, raffle will start promptly after late service May 5th. Plan to stay for the raffle and desserts!

-Reminder to parents of the kids traveling to Colorado, please sign up to bring a dessert on May 5th.

Small Group Stewardship Bible Study

Pastor and other leaders are presenting a 45 minute Bible study to groups of 2 or 3 households. The study is called "The Joy of Christian Giving." Messiah's ministries are supported largely by offerings that the Messiah generously gives. The goal of the study is to remember that our giving is driven by the gospel, and to spur one another on as we grow in the grace of giving. We are asking every member to please sign up for a small group Bible Study. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby or an electronic signup was also emailed out on April 11.

We have added additional dates for the upcoming week, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do.

Highschool Hangout

No hangout on May 1st due to the all valley teen night.



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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Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church