

ABOUT EAGLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

As a Christian church we do not claim to be the only Christians, or the only church, but we seek simply to be known as Christians without a denominational label. We do not see ourselves as better than anyone else, but as a group of Christian people dedicated to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We seek the unity of all people on the basis of confession and commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. Our hope is to unite all Christians under the authority of Jesus Christ and pattern our lives after the Word of God.

Thank you for joining us for this informal time of worship and Bible study as we grow together in Christ.

WE BELIEVE

- That Jesus is God's Son and our Savior.
- That the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
 - In the physical death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- That we are saved by grace through faith and there is nothing one can do to save himself.
- That God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - In baptism by immersion for penitent believers.
 - In the second coming of Christ.

REACHING THE TREASURE VALLEY FOR CHRIST

We are one Church with four locations across the Treasure Valley

- Central Valley — 100 S Short Road, Eagle
- Surprise Valley — 4601 S Surprise Way, Boise
- West Valley — 10595 Cherry Lane, Nampa
- Kuna — 2477 N Ten Mile Road, Kuna

Visit www.eaglechristianchurch.com for campus information

Mailing address for all campuses:

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P: 208-286-0879 | Office Hours: M–Th 9 am–5 pm | F 9 am–4 pm

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- Please silence electronic devices as you enter the service.
- If you would like more information about Eagle Christian Church, please stop at the Connection Center. If you are here for the first time, we have a free gift for you, also available at the Connection Center.
- Please fill out the enclosed Connection Card to indicate your presence and communicate prayer needs or comments.
- Do you need to pray with someone? At the end of each service, members of our staff and prayer team are at the front of the stage to pray with you.

JOY UNEXPECTED

PHILIPPIANS



WELCOME

TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us as we enter God's presence and celebrate His goodness.

COMMUNION

If you have chosen to follow Christ, please join us as we remember Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

This portion of the service is for our church family. Please place your offering and Connection Cards in the baskets at the entrance doors of the Worship Center. *If you don't normally attend, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT

We invite you to examine your life and make a personal commitment to the Lord. At the closing, staff, and members of our prayer team will be at the front of the stage to pray with you.

WELCOME TO EAGLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.
God Bless you as we follow Him together.

Dr. Steven A. Crane

GROUP QUESTIONS

Opening: Who did you look up to and try to imitate when you were growing up? What appealed to you about them? Do you still look up to them today?

Read Philippians 3:17–4:1

1. Who are some people in your life you find yourself imitating?
Are they good examples of godly life, or bad examples leading to destruction?
2. What are some benefits to imitating Christ and following the examples of others who imitate Christ in their lives?

Read Philippians 2:1–11

3. What attributes of Christ Jesus are described in these verses?
Which of them are a regular part of your life?
Which are some you need to make a more regular part of your life?
4. Would anyone think of following your example as you imitate Christ in your life?
What could you change in your life in order to be a good example to follow?
5. With what four character traits does Paul describe the “enemies of the cross”?
What does each one mean?
How might imitating Christ be an antidote to these character traits?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:16–21 and 1 Peter 2:9–12

6. What is a Christian’s position in the world, as they await Christ’s return?
7. How does the promise of a new body help you deal with the limitations of your current body?
How does the reality of this bodily transformation affect you in the present, as you “eagerly await” Jesus’ return in the future?
What can you do to increase your anticipation of the Savior’s return and have less of a mind on earthly things?

MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 3:17

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”

Following Christ: Practical Elements for Pursuing Christlikeness Philippians 3:17–4:1

1. Look for _____
Philippians 3:17

2. Look out for _____
Philippians 3:18–19

3. Look up to _____
Philippians 3:20–4:1

Next Steps:

- I will join with other Christians in a mutual attempt to imitate Jesus Christ in my life.
- With Christ’s help, I will try to live a life worth emulating.
- With my heavenly citizenship in view, I need to spend more time and energy this week in _____.