

## 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](http://www.eaglechristianchurch.com) for campus information

Mailing address for all campuses:

7490 Moon Valley Rd., Eagle ID 83616

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

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## 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:** Tell about a time when you experienced hardship in your life. Did that situation provide an opportunity for you to do things you wouldn't have done otherwise? Were you able to use that hardship to bring glory to God? How?

1. Where is Paul writing from? (verses 13–14)  
How might Paul's situation be a discouragement to him? Can you relate to Paul? Do you have a “prison” that you deal with in your life that can lead to discouragement?
2. How does Paul refocus his hardship to help the Philippians? (verse 13, 14, 18)  
How does God use difficult situations to bring about good and holy things in life? How can we learn to refocus our hardships like Paul does here?
3. What is the “lens” that Paul uses to judge whether a situation is good or bad? (verse 12, 18)  
What kind of lenses do people typically use to judge a particular situation?  
How can the type of lens Paul employs help people view a situation?
4. What types of situations might cause people to preach Christ out of envy, rivalry, or selfish ambition? What is Paul's perspective on people who preach Christ from false motives?
5. How do you respond to the fact that the letter to the Philippians, full of words like rejoice and joy, was written from prison?
6. In what ways can God use seasons or “imprisonment” to produce joy in our lives? Share a time when you have experienced this yourself.
7. Application: Think of three people to whom you can send words of encouragement the next time you are “confined” and have extra time.

### MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 1:18 ESV

“What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.”

## The Opportunities of Obstacles

Philippians 1:12–18a

How Does Paul's Imprisonment Serve to Advance the Gospel?

1. By Allowing Time For \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil 1:13

2. By Strengthening Fearful \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil 1:14

3. By Accepting Even His \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil 1:15–18

4. By Allowing the Writing of \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil 1:12

### Next Steps:

- Even though I am not where I want to be in life, I will focus on proclaiming Christ.
- I have let the hard things in life consume me. I need God's help redeeming those hardships in my life.
- The hardest thing in my life right now is \_\_\_\_\_.  
I will ask God to redeem this situation for his glory.
- I need to give grace to those who are preaching the gospel of Christ, even if they do it in a different way.