

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: What sports did you participate in while growing up? What was fun about that sport? What was hard about it?

Read Philippians 3:12–16

1. What was Paul's goal in life? For what prize was he reaching? (3:7-11) What are your primary goals in life? What have you done to achieve them?
2. What has Paul "not yet obtained"? What is he pressing on for? What is the danger of thinking that we "have arrived" or "completed" our spiritual journey? What is the value of "pressing on" in our spiritual journey? What is the alternative to pressing on?
3. Like a runner in a race, why is it important to forget what is behind as we live our Christian life? How can things behind us cause us to lose sight of our goal? Have you ever gotten side-tracked in your spiritual journey because of past mistakes or experiences? What did you do to get back on track? Have you ever been tempted to think that your past victories are enough, so you can stop running towards the goal? What can you do to overcome that temptation?
4. How do you allocate your resources in terms of job, family, and spiritual growth? What would you need to change for you to give your spiritual journey the same effort you give to other areas of your life?

Read Philippians 2:5–11

5. What is the heart of Paul's message to the church? What have you already attained because of Christ's sacrifice?
6. Comparing your life to a race, are you sitting it out due to lack of preparation or injury? Are you at the starting blocks? Going full tilt? Ready to give up? Why?

MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 3:13–14

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Straining Upward: Advice for Running

Philippians 3:12–16

1. Don't _____
Philippians 3:12–13

2. Don't _____
Philippians 3:13–14

3. Do _____
Philippians 3:15–16

Next Steps:

- I am thankful that Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- I will not let my past failures or success keep me from running the race.
- With God's help, I will strive to live up to what God has already pronounced me to be in Christ.