

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

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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.

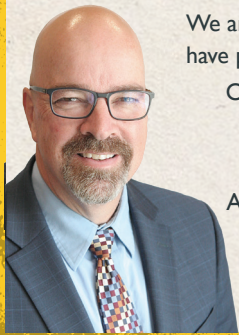
CELEBRATION OF GIVING

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 has given you the most joy this past year?

1. How would you define “joy”? How is it different from “happiness”? What brings you joy? Is joy dependent on one’s circumstances? Can you have joy in the midst of troubled times?
2. Paul experienced many troubles during his ministry for Jesus. Describe the trouble he experienced in each of the following scriptures:
In Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:48-52) In Iconium (Acts 14:1-7)
In Lystra (Acts 14:19-20) In Philippi (Acts 16:16-24)
In Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9) In Berea (Acts 17:13-14)
In Athens (Acts 17:32) In Jerusalem (Acts 21:30-36)
In Jerusalem (Acts 23:12-13)
In the midst of Paul’s circumstances, how can you explain his repeated use of the word “joy” in this letter? (The words for joy and rejoice are used 16 times.)
3. What was going on in the church at Philippi when Paul wrote his letter to them? (Read Philippians 1:27-30; 3:2, 18-19; 4:2-3)
In the midst of the circumstances in the Philippian church, how can you explain the fact that Paul wrote a letter about joy to them?
4. Read the following scriptures. What do they say about where joy comes from?
Psalm 4:7-8; Luke 2:10-11; John 15:7-11; Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22-23
5. Can joy be deepened through difficulty in our lives?
(Read James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9)
6. When will our joy as Christians be fully attained? (Read Jude 24-25)
7. What do you hope to gain from our study of Philippians?
What will you do to get the most out of our study together?

MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 4:11-13 ESV

“For I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Happily Discontent

Philippians 1:1-2

1. The Writer

2. The Recipients

3. The Theology of Joy

Next Steps:

- I am thankful that joy is not dependent upon my circumstances.
- I want to experience true joy and realize that it can only be made complete in Christ.
- I will read the book of Philippians this week and note the words “joy”, “rejoice,” and “be glad.”
- I will make it a priority to join with my church family in our study of the book of Philippians.