

## 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:** If you had to boast about something you can do better than other people, what would it be?

### Read Philippians 3:1–9

1. Paul talks about rejoicing in the Lord in verse 1 (cf. 2:17-18; 4:4). Since Paul is in prison as he writes this, what does his joy say about his faith in God? When you are faced with difficult circumstances, how hard is it for you to be joyful? What is most helpful in restoring your joy?
2. What accounts for the change in tone from verse 1 to verse 2? To whom is Paul referring with this strong language? Have you ever been warned about a false teacher or false doctrine? What is the best way to identify false teachers or erroneous doctrine?
3. Paul gives three traits of a Christian in verse 3. What are they? What do each of them mean?
4. What does it mean to "put confidence in the flesh"? In what ways were the Philippians being encouraged to put confidence in the flesh? In what ways today do people put confidence in the flesh? When are you most tempted to put your confidence in someone or something other than Christ?
5. Paul lists some of his accomplishments in verses 4-6. What does he say about them in verses 7-8? When you reflect on your life, can you say the same things about your achievements? Why or why not?
6. What does Paul say about righteousness in verse 9? Do your achievements tend to cause you to cling to Christ's righteousness or your own righteousness? Has this changed as you have grown in your faith? What can you do to continue to grow in this area?

### MEMORY VERSE:

Philippians 3:8

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I might gain Christ."

## Misplaced Confidence

Philippians 3:1–9

Where Should You Put Your Confidence?

1. Not in \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil. 3:1-2

2. Not in \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil. 3:3-6

3. Only in \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil. 3:7-9

### Next Steps:

- I am thankful that my righteousness is not dependent on me, but on Jesus Christ.
- I will boast in Jesus Christ alone, and not in anything I have done on my own.
- Rather than putting my confidence in \_\_\_\_\_, I will put my confidence in Jesus alone.