

Today's Scripture November 26, 2023

PASSAGE: Matthew 5:12, "Rejoice and Be Glad"

TEACHER: Scott Harrop, Guest Teacher

Bulletin Updates

FOOD CUPBOARD COLLECTION TODAY

We'll take our monthly offering collection for the Food Cupboard today. Plates will be in the back of the auditorium. The Food Cupboard team serves those in need here in our body and in the Boise community. We'd love your help replenishing our shelves if you can contribute goods or funds. Monetary gifts may be made by writing "Food Cupboard" in the memo on your check or electronic payment. Please note that we cannot accept expired food.

INTERNET / WIFI OUTTAGE CONTINUES

We are still experiencing issues with the internet within the church building, and it's disrupting many of our functions. We're currently unable to answer our phones when you call, and it's making livestreaming Sunday service a bit difficult. Many thanks to Joel Robinson and the production team for working on these issues.

If you call the church office, please leave a voicemail so that we can call you back. Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve the issues!

ADVENT SERIES DEVOTIONALS

Pick up a devotional booklet to enjoy and follow along our December Advent sermon series.

GLOCAL APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION

If you help Glocal by volunteering or donating, you're invited to drop by for holiday cookies and punch on Thursday, November 30 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in Cole's House.

DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW

Global Outreach's December Prayer Calendar is available for you to take home today. Please pick up your copy in the back of the auditorium.

Financial Update

as of November 20, 2023

This Week's Giving	\$9,105
YTD Spending	\$365,468
YTD Giving	\$422,256

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Elder Updates

Hello everyone and happy November,

As we near Thanksgiving, it seems fitting to start this update with a big thank you to the team from Rock Harbor who have been serving us through worship and teaching for the past month, and will continue to help through the rest of this month. The break for many of us has been greatly appreciated. Delving into the words of Jesus is always refreshing, and with many good reminders of how we ought to be approaching our spiritual lives. The way Jesus calls us to live our lives is dramatically different than how the world expects, but it is good, just as God is good. With that, thank you Rock Harbor for graciously leading us in this series.

On the subject of thanks, we would like to highlight the work of another faithful deacon, Nancy Binford-Bohme. Nancy is the Deacon of Fellowship and Gathering, and she and her team work behind the scenes to prepare for each event. For anything from our most recent church potluck, vision lunches, funerals, special events, this ministry is willing to help organize. We are so grateful for the work she does in it. Nancy also is one of two deacons on the Deacon Council, who along with helping develop the deacon ministry, also is the liaison between ALL of the deacons, and the Elders. When you see Nancy, make sure you say, "thank you" or see if she needs a hand with anything coming up.

In December, we are excited to be diving into an advent series with Kirk Cramer. You will remember Kirk from his "Postcards from the Apostles" series in August. Just as the Jewish world was eagerly anticipating the coming of the Messiah, we are excited for the coming Christmas season. A more specific preaching schedule, and maybe some other opportunities are coming soon, but we are excited to have Pastor Kirk back to share God's word.

We elders have been using this reprieve to really dive into meeting with our potential partners, and digging more into details to find out what is best for not only our body here at Cole, but community around us, and also the kingdom as a whole. As we continue forward, we have been seeking counsel from some Godly men who know Cole to help us through this process. Each meeting has been encouraging, both in their words, but also their excitement and passion for the growth of God's body here. The Lord is moving, and we are excited to see what plans he unfolds for us here. Please continue to faithfully pray for God's direction as we approach this critical decision, for God to guide this whole process to bring the right people to the right places to bring as much glory to God as possible through this whole process. To Him be the glory, the power, and the honor.

In Him,

Jim, Jim, Josh, and Mike
Cole Community Elder Board