

Today's Scripture September 3, 2023

PASSAGE: Jude, *Live as an Authentic Community*

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, *Guest Teacher*

Bulletin Updates

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING AND POTLUCK SET FOR SEPT. 17

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 17 for our next Church Family Meeting and Potluck right after church in the Fireside Room.

Last names A-M bring main dishes and N-Z bring side dishes/desserts.

KEENAGERS (60+) BIBLE STUDY STARTING SEPT. 11

Join the Keenagers, a group for the young at heart, ages 60+. We'd love to have you join us each Monday for worship, prayer, study and a meal. Our study begins on Monday, Sept. 11 at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room to dig into 1 Peter. Meal provided, and visitors are always welcomed. Call Pastor Chuck Butler for more information.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PRAYER TEAM? WE'RE UPDATING OUR LIST NOW

Your prayers for this Church Body are vital and we appreciate your faithfulness with lifting praises and requests before our LORD. Confidential Prayer Requests and Updates are emailed mid-week. The Church Office is updating our Prayer Team list of Prayer Warriors! Please see Katie or Gloria in the back of

the Auditorium today, or contact the church office via email at gloriam@colecommunity.org to confirm your interest in joining our Prayer Team!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

Cole Women's Bible Study will be underway in a few weeks! Register today at the back of the auditorium or online. A Cole Women's Ministry study on John's epistles and Revelation 1-3 starts the week of September 18. The Thursday Precept Upon Precept group begins its study of Daniel on September 28. Details are available on the Women's Bible Study page of the church website. Register online for your chosen study at [case-sensitive links] bit.ly/CWMJohnsLetters or bit.ly/CWMPupDaniel.

Financial Update

as of August 28, 2023

Last Week's Giving	\$3,596
YTD Spending	\$270,895
YTD Giving	\$322,031

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colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving

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OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER GLOBAL OUTREACH CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW

Be sure to pick up the September edition of our prayer calendar for Cole Community's global outreach workers.

KARLI HITCHCOCK SERVICE DETAILS

Services for Karli Hitchcock are planned for Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. The Cloverdale Funeral Home graveside service begins at 3:30 P.M., followed by a Celebration of Life service from 4-6 P.M. Karli's obituary and tribute can be found online at <https://www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com/tributes/Karlin-Hitchcock>.

A NOTE FROM THE ROPERS

We so appreciate the folks that came Saturday and got rid of the Virginia Creeper that was invading our back yard. It was a labor of great love. We're grateful for the hard work and the hard workers!

David & Carolyn Roper

GLOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Glocal Community Partners runs an English class for women refugees on Thursdays 10-11:30 A.M. during the school year. This year we are looking for more volunteers to help with driving as well as childcare. We especially need a few drivers from the East side of Boise to help accommodate women who live off of Apple Street. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tamara Fairbanks at tamaraf@glocalboise.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS COMING IN OCTOBER

Be on the lookout for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The program is coming mid October. If you have questions, please call Lynda Squire at 208-376-5777.

Elder Updates

Our future is at the forefront of our hearts and minds as we head into the fall with you. We are currently in advanced discussions with three different churches from around the Treasure Valley with different options for our future. While we're not quite ready to update the congregation on more details, please know that we will update you when we get to an appropriate point in the process.

As we consider these options and how we should move forward, we're taking a short Elder Retreat on September 15 to devote ourselves to prayer and listen for God's will. Please partner with us in prayer as this all unfolds. Specifically, we're asking for:

- Your prayer this month as details unfold and as we take time away at a retreat.
- Your prayer that we would clearly hear the Word of God in the direction He would have us take.

We're excited for another Church Family Meeting on September 17 following church as well. If we've gotten to a place where we can communicate more information regarding our future, we certainly will at that time.

Finally, we are so thankful for our new deacons and their willingness to serve the body with their gifts. This month we would like to highlight Jen Rogers. Jen will be leading our Local Outreach Ministries. These ministries are done by our local body at Cole on a volunteer basis, in the local area, to benefit those inside and outside our body, and will often be event based. These events include our Food Cupboard, Crisis Meals, Library, VBS, Harvest Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please talk to Jen. Thank you Jen, we so much appreciate your servant heart.

We look forward to hearing from several global workers this month along with you. Check out September's preaching schedule in the bulletin.

In Him,

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