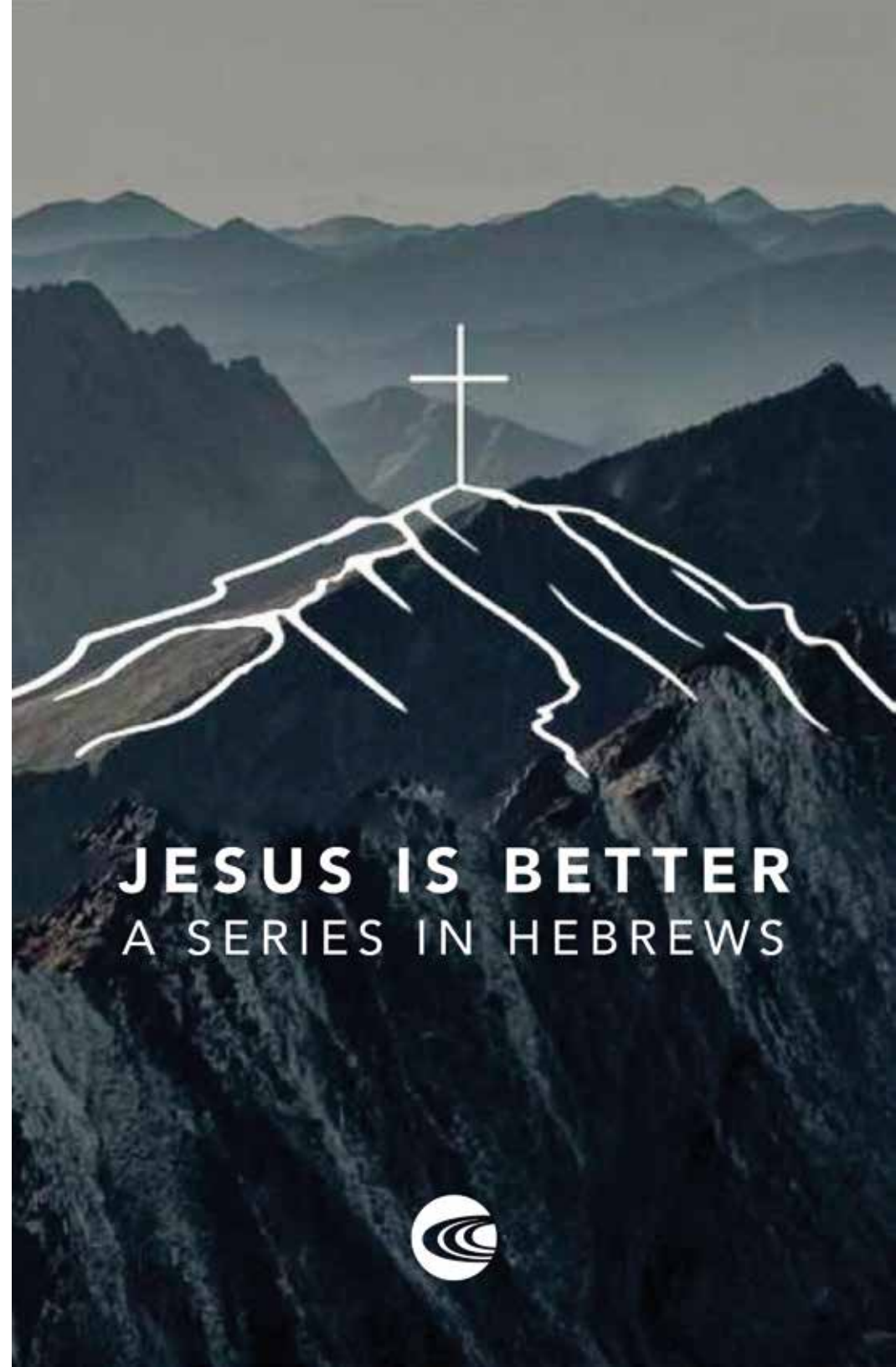


*Jesus is a Better Covenant*

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**JESUS IS BETTER**  
A SERIES IN HEBREWS



Today's Scripture May 5, 2024

**PASSAGE:** Hebrews 8:1-7, "Jesus is a Better Covenant"

**TEACHER:** Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

## Bulletin Updates

### BAKE SALE TODAY FOR KENYA

A group of students from Cole Valley Christian School will be selling baked goods today in the main lobby. They are raising funds for an upcoming missions trip to Kenya happening this summer. Be sure to stop by, grab a snack, and support their trip! Melody Moehlmann is still collecting candy and pencils as well. Contact her at (208) 724-1910 for pickup information.

### COLLECT YOUR CHANGE FOR PATH PREGNANCY

Don't forget to get your baby bottles ready to return next week in support of Path Pregnancy. This local nonprofit provides critical services like pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, abortion and pregnancy loss recovery, and other educational resources to women in the Treasure Valley.



Bottles will be collected next Sunday, May 12 in the back of the auditorium. Learn more or donate online at [treasurevalleypath.org](https://treasurevalleypath.org).

### QR CODES AND SPREADSHEETS, OH MY!

Ashlee would love to know. We're in need of your technical skills to organize some items

in storage using QR codes and spreadsheets. Email Ashlee at [ashleec@colecommunity.org](mailto:ashleec@colecommunity.org) to help.

### REVITALIZATION FUND GIVING

As we head into summer and continue Phase One, there is an opportunity to contribute directly to Revitalization costs. These costs include building updates, out-of-budget costs for the transition period, additional outreach efforts, and other costs.



If you feel led to give specifically towards the revitalization fund in addition to your normal giving, you can do so by noting that on the memo line of your check or by specifying "Revitalization Fund" in your online giving.

## Financial Update

as of April 29, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$ 18,582
YTD Spending	\$169,338
YTD Giving	\$159,499

Give online at [colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving](https://colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving)

### CAR NEEDED FOR THE DINGCONGS LATE SUMMER

Clark and Janet Dingcong, our National Workers in the Philippines, will be in Boise in late August - September. They need to borrow a vehicle for this time, preferably with GPS (but not exclusively). If you have a vehicle you would be willing to loan them, even for part of the time, please contact Sue Forsythe at [balivi@icloud.com](mailto:balivi@icloud.com).

### "MADE FOR THIS" LOCAL OUTREACH CAMP TEAM

This summer, we'll host a "Made For This" three day sports and arts camp offsite on June 18-20 from 6-8 P.M. each night, and we're building our team to help with this outreach.



If you have knowledge or skill in a sport (soccer, basketball, frisbee, etc.) or art (drawing, painting, etc.) that you could use

to serve elementary age kids, we'd love to have you join the team!

We'll also need help with things like snacks, marketing, check-ins, parent relations, and several other areas. Email Kirk at [kirk@colecommunity.org](mailto:kirk@colecommunity.org) or fill out this form using the QR code to join in the fun.

## A Note From The Pastor

Dear church family,

We are now three months into our journey together, and there are two things I want to encourage us in at this time: patience and purpose.

**PATIENCE** For some, there will be things that haven't happened quick enough. Maybe it's the formation of a team, the answer to a question of vision, or an area you'd like to serve in. Maybe you haven't gotten to know myself or other new people as quickly as you would have liked, or maybe you thought there would be more growth initially. We can all be guilty of putting our own expectations and timelines on what we think God should be doing. (I know I can). So, let me encourage you in the words of James 1:4 (NKJV), "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Let's continue to wait on the Lord for how He is unfolding this story of revitalization!

**PURPOSE** For others, there has been a lot of change and too quickly! Maybe it feels like your church is changing so fast that it seems you are on a boat and the waters are tipping, and all around you it feels unstable. As I said when I first came to be your pastor, there are two constants in life, the Gospel and change! Our only security is not in the way things have been in the past, but in Christ who holds our future. That's easy to say until your ministry—or style preference in church—changes. Then, it's a bit harder! I want to encourage you that each decision we are making is purposeful with the goal of being a church that will continue to grow and make disciples of Jesus Christ. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus was a man of action, and things changed and happened rapidly. That is part of what it's like to follow our Savior—to be people who can be flexible and change as He leads us! I can't guarantee you won't be affected by change, but I can guarantee we, as leaders, care about the whole church as we ride the waves of change.

In Him, *Kirk*