



Trustworthy Church

1 Timothy

Today's Scripture January 12, 2025

PASSAGE: "Trustworthy Teaching," 1 Timothy 1:3-11

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

Bulletin Updates

LEGACY JANUARY GATHERING

Legacy will gather tomorrow, Monday, January 13 at 11 A.M. in Fireside Room for worship, study, prayer, and a meal. Our lesson will be on the Life of Elijah and "Conquering Faith."

ELDER RENEWAL OF CALL

Jim Schnereger and Jim Heuring have come to the end of their 3 year term as elders. After prayer and discussion with the pastoral team they have asked to extend their call for a year extension. The other elders have agreed to a one year extended call and we have begun the "renewal of call" process. This includes a pastoral care conversation / check with each of them with the other elders. It also includes a notice to the church family to give any feedback to the other elder team members (Kirk, Mike & Josh) about Jim S. and Jim H. If you have encouragements or any concerns for or about these men, please speak directly with one of the other elders, or email Pastor Kirk at kirk@colecommunity.org. This renewal of call will be finalized at our church family meeting on Feb. 2, trusting all goes well.

RECOMMENDED READING AND DISCIPLESHIP GUIDES

As we begin our new series in 1 Timothy, we have a discipleship guide that includes background and study tools for each week of the series. It also includes questions that will be used by our groups

as we launch out in February. You will have received this electronically if you are signed up for our weekly email, and we have some paper copies available on the table near the coffee area.

Pick up a copy of "Love Your Church" by Tony Merida to read along with us. You can purchase one online using the QR code here.



NEW GIVING BOXES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING

You may have noticed our newest addition to the building—new giving boxes! We've added secure wooden boxes in addition to the plates in the back of the auditorium for collecting financial gifts. There is one by the front door in the lobby, in the foyer between lobby and auditorium, and several in the back of the auditorium. Gifts can still be placed online or in your Church Center app under "Give."

Financial Update

as of January 6, 2025

This Week's Giving	\$8,521
YTD Spending	\$11,906
YTD Giving	\$8,521

Give online at colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving

REGISTER FOR THE 2025 MEN'S RETREAT

Come join us for our annual Men's Retreat at the Quaker Hill Conference Center in McCall happening January 24-26, 2025. Registration is \$150 for the weekend.



The theme this year is "Looking Back and Moving Forward" and will focus on a time of renewal and resetting our lives in order to intentionally be disciples of Jesus in the coming year. Our guest speakers will include Noah Beumer and Connor Farnworth from Calvary Boise. We have seen the content and focus of a "Reset" retreat like this be transformative for many men in the past. In addition, our very own Cole elders will be leading a breakout time focused on Forgiveness during the retreat. 1/2 and full scholarships are available. Please sign up now, or by January 19th at the very latest. We desire for all the men of Cole (old and new) to make this retreat

a priority at this time. We are continuing to seek to grow in community with long-time members of Cole and people newer to the church in our Revitalization.

GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL BOTTLE DRIVE

This year's Baby Bottle Drive benefitting Treasure Valley Path will begin next week to coincide with "Sanctity of Human Life Day." Baby bottles will be available in the back of the auditorium and will need returned on or before February 2.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2025

Plan now to join Cole Community Church Family Camp 2025 this July! Camp dates are Thursday, July 17 - Sunday, July 20 at Ponderosa State Park in McCall. Camp is for your entire family with time together in the Word, worship, fellowship, and fun! Please stop by the back Auditorium table today after this service for more information or contact Gloria Middleton at egmiddleton@juno.com.

A Note From The Pastor

Dear church family,

I'm thankful for new things. A new Year, a new teaching series in 1 Timothy, and even a new coffee machine getting installed in our new coffee area this past week! And at the same time I'm thankful for things that are not new, but tried and true, For faithful servants in the church family that do the same faithful ministry week by week, and year by year. For the same weekly Sunday gathering that happens every week. And mostly for the tried and true gospel that never changes. Often I believe that people create a false dichotomy between the old and the new. In the Bible we are told to keep the traditions as Paul the apostle laid them out and to fight for the never changing gospel AND we are told to sing a new song to the Lord and be led by the Spirit in fresh ways every day. I pray that as we study 1 Timothy we will see the timeless truth is timely for us as a church being revitalized. We as a church are now a mix of old and new...which I think is a perfect place to see God work. So let's continue to praise God for all that he is doing in all that is the same and all that is changing!

In Him,

Pastor Kirk