

Sermon Notes



Trustworthy Church

1 Timothy

Today's Scripture January 5, 2025

PASSAGE: "Trustworthy Discipleship," 1 Timothy

TEACHER: Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

Bulletin Updates

LEGACY JANUARY GATHERING

Save the date for our Legacy gathering on 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."

SAVE THE DATE FOR A CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

Our next Church Family Meeting is planned for Sunday, February 2 after service. More information on potlucking details is to come, but please mark the date on your calendar!

GET READY TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY CAMP RESERVATIONS

Online camping reservations open Wednesday, January 8, for Cole Community Church Family Camp 2025! The reservation window opens at 8 A.M. and spots go quickly! Go to <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov>, search for Ponderosa State Park in McCall, Idaho, and enter the dates you want to attend. Our official camp runs Thursday, July 17 - Sunday, July 20, 2025. Due to a change in the reservation system, the online system comes live tomorrow. Have your vehicle and payment information ready when you go online. We are trying for campsites in any of the five main campsite loops. See the table in the back of the auditorium or contact Gloria Middleton for more information.

KENT JOHNSON MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD JAN. 10

Kent Johnson passed away Christmas Day morning. Kent's family invites you to his memorial service this Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11 A.M. His service will be held at Vineyard Boise Christian Fellowship located at 4950 N. Bradley St. in Garden City.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

A few volunteer openings are available if you would like to serve in the Children's Ministry for teachers, helpers, and the check-in team.

Most classes could use extra volunteers to rotate into schedules. Please contact Ashlee at ashleec@colecommunity.org if you have questions. Training will be held in January.



Financial Update
as of December 30, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$17,190
YTD Spending	\$536,605
YTD Giving	\$606,604

Give online at colecommunity.churchcenter.com/giving

Q+A: SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS

Submit your questions each week using Slido, a question submission tool designed for audience participation and engagement. Check out questions along with their answers on our website at colecommunity.org/q-and-a.

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.



NEW DONATION BOXES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING

You may have noticed our newest addition to the building—new financial charitable 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."



A Note From The Pastor

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2025 I'm excited to also begin a new series in the book of 1 Timothy, called "Trustworthy Church." We believe that both the time we live in and the current season of our church mean that it's a great time to take a look at how God's word to study His design for church. Today many people (even those who profess to be Christians) see the church as irrelevant, some even see the church as dangerous - full of ideologies that are antiquated and even toxic. But we believe that the church is necessary! That doesn't mean that we think church is easy, though.

In this book we will grapple with questions of trust in God and in His church. Overall, our prayer is that we would grow to be a church that is worthy of trust, pointing to a God that people can trust. If you have questions about church and its role in your life or in the world today, or if you know people who have "deconstructed" or are struggling with their faith, we pray this study would create a space for everyone to ask their questions and see the beauty of God's design. We'll have a discipleship guide available next week, and encourage you to get other resources to really dig into a focus on the church through 1 Timothy. In addition to starting this new series, I want to encourage you to start our 5 day Bible reading plan. I'm excited to see the fruit that comes as we abide in Christ in 2025!

In Him,

Pastor Kirk