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SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul is instructing each of us to "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." [verses 16-18] (NIV)

God wants our continual communication. He loves to hear from us. Not just as we are rushing out the door on our way to work, or the last five minutes of the day before we fall into bed. He wants to hear from us as we drive to the grocery store, or are sitting in our work cubicles. God is not just the King of the universe. He wants to be your best friend. God wants us to be in constant communication with Him, because He is crazy about us! God is so crazy about each of us that He sent Jesus to this earth to pay our penalty!

In a world full of crisis, chaos and frustration...this is great news!

Happy New Year!



Prayer Ministry Weekend

Over the first weekend of January, Cloverdale joined the Meridian church in hosting an intense weekend of prayer...in accordance with the NAD's "Ten Days of Prayer".

Our own Joan Kuba...along with Karen Pearson, the Prayer Ministries Coordinator for the Idaho Conference, led out in a Spirit-filled weekend. It was truly a blessing.

If you were not able to attend, be sure to catch next year's weekend of prayer. If there were ever a time in our world's history that we need to be on our knees in intense supplication to our God...it is now!

PASTOR'S CORNER

I love the poetry of Isaiah 40. When you get a chance, please read it. Throughout the chapter are descriptions of the grandeur of God. His awfulness and His awesomeness. His awfulness against wickedness, and His awesomeness, to those who love Him. I love what verses 28-31 say,

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might, He increases strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like an eagle, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Amidst the chaotic mess of this world, we can still have peace of mind, as we choose to wait upon God.

Challenge: What can you do to foster and promote a deeper relationship with God this month?

~ Pastor Jason ~