



EASTSIDE  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

# The Link

AUGUST, 2010

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### He Went Away Grieving

In "[the Cost of Discipleship](#)" Dietrich Bonhoeffer examines the call from Christ to the disciples. "Come, follow Me" Jesus would say, then the hearer of those costly words would respond. The Bible does not give much information behind the call of the disciples other than the simple (in words) command "come, follow me." In the call from Christ to be a disciple Jesus was the initiator.

After further examination of the gospels, I found Jesus was asked by others what they had to do to follow him and he seems to spend more time explaining to them the cost of following him than he did those he approached. Some, after they asked Jesus what they had to do to follow him were never invited by Him to follow him, some were, but the reaction from the hearer of those costly words were similar. They "went away grieving." (Matthew 19:21) Wow.

The disciples who dropped all to follow Christ were far from perfect in the execution of their following, but their obedience to the voice God is humbling. Quick, risky, abandoning of all, amazing.

I dare think that I know how to convince anyone to follow Christ if He has not beckoned them to come and follow. I wonder how much of this explains why there seems to be so many unhappy, grieving, sad people trying to follow Christ with obeying him.

In the chapter entitled "Costly Grace" Bonhoeffer argues that cheap grace has been the ruin of more Christians than any doctrine of legalism. I have found this true in my life that "costly grace" has proved a fount of mercy.

Matt 19:16-30



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#### CHURCH SERVICES

##### SUNDAY'S

9:15 A.M.

##### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M.

##### WORSHIP

6:30 P.M.

##### EVENING SERVICE

#### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

1:30 P.M. - PRAYER IN  
REQUA HOME

#### WEDNESDAYS

7:00 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE ROC

KID'S CLUB

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

#### THURSDAYS

1:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

6:00 P.M.

MAGIC VALLEY SINGLES

WOK N GRILL

#### 1ST SATURDAY

9:00 A.M.

SONNY BUNCH

PERKINS RESTAURANT

## Have You Boxed yourself In and Stopped Your Faith

*The prayer of Jabez has so many possibilities! No wonder the Holy Spirit had it tucked in among the "begots" like an oasis in the middle of a sand-dune peppered desert (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).*

*In regard to his request that his borders be expanded, one contrary writer has written that "all Jabez wanted was more land", as if to say to anyone who wants to believe that God does answer our prayers: "Don't waste God's time with your selfish concerns".*

*The fact is, though, we don't know who Jabez was, nor if land was his main interest. What about other "borders" that surround our lives? David said, in Psalm 119:32, "I will run the course of your commandments, for you shall enlarge my heart".*

*Have we stopped our faith because we have put a border around ourselves and so, limiting ourselves in areas like witnessing, or helping, or giving, or ... praying for the impossible. Who knows? "For with God nothing is impossible" (Luke 1:37)*

*Gene Lawley, Finance Chairman*



## Happy Birthday

- 1 Amie Franklin
- 8 Anilisa Burton
- 9 Clay Mathews
- 13 Dawn Edgar
- 15 Steven McMullin
- 21 Betsy Kinch
- 22 Charles Boss
- 27 Kalee Crider
- 28 Paul Mills



## Happy Anniversary

- 15th  
John & Shari Martinez
- 17th  
Bill & Shanna Locker
- 23rd  
Gene & Marge Lawley
- 28th  
John & Debra Scarlett

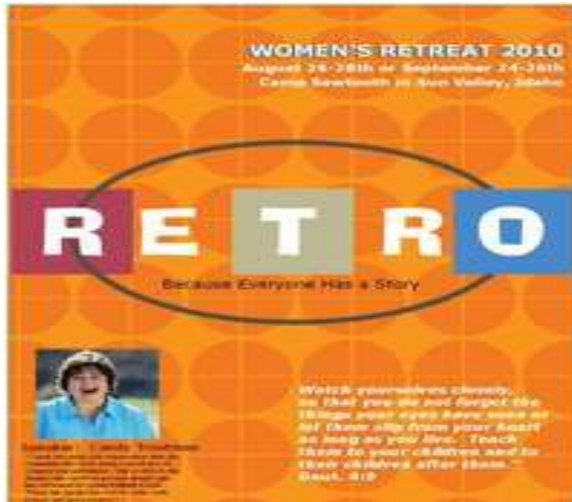
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**Description:**  
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**Who:** UT & ID  
 Women of All Ages

**Where:** Camp Sawtooth 8 mi north of Sun Valley, ID

**When:** Aug.-27-29  
 OR Sept.-24 -26  
 (the same conference)

**Cost:** \$55

**Contact:**  
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**Sponsored by Bellevue Community Church**

# Men's Retreat 2010 August 13, 14, 15

Bull Trout Martin Lake Near Stanley

For men's retreat, we will travel to Bull Trout & Martin Lake. The group sites at these two locations will hold up to 100 men! Sites will accommodate your RV's and Tent Trailers.

**Cost:** \$ 30 for men and \$ 20 for son

**Registration:** Please turn in your registration and money by August 25. All registrations after this date will cost an additional \$5

**Program:** Four worship and teaching sessions begin Friday night.

**Speaker:** Paul Thompson

Hosted By Central Valley Baptist Church Phone: 208-888-4189  
[www.centralvalleybaptist.com](http://www.centralvalleybaptist.com)

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mountain Meeting & Baptist Barbeque

Hosted by:  
**Magic Valley Baptist Assoc.**

Location: Mountain View Community  
Church

**Pine, Idaho**

Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. Bring a fishing pole and visit the river, take the children on a nature walk, look for wildlife or hug a tree.

**All Food Beverage Provided**

**AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**EASTSIDE @ THE  
CREEK**

5:00 P.M. Smokey Creek Ranch  
(North of Fairfield)

5:30 P.M. Baptism Service

Anyone wanting to be baptized should  
come prepared  
with change of clothes.

**CAMPING, FISHING, CAMP  
FIRE, PREACHING AND BAP-  
TISM**

## Mind's Attention Hearts Affection

### "Spectate or Participate"

**Worship Is Not A Spectator Sport!** Colossians 3:16 reminds us this very fact. *"Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

Here is the strange thing: Most of who choose to argue our point over this crazy issue of hymns verses songs etc, will actually quote this verse as a defense by way of proof-texting. The only problem is that this has more to do with how we worship rather than what we use to worship.

We would be wise not to use the Word of God to defend a personal preference and to use it to admonish our own heart and soul.

For some reason the corporate act of our congregational worship-time has become in all too many of our church gatherings an event of showing off our ability and skills. Do we dare to answer this question? Are we more interested in a talent show? God forbid! It should be sickening to us as believers to see the robbing of what is set aside for God, to, as James puts it, *"... to consume it upon our own lusts..."* James 4:3b

Here is a better plan laid out for us in 1 Corinthians 14:26 *"What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church."*

If we are to merely be a spectator then we ought to participate. Hmmm? Are some of you saying right now, "I thought you told me not to show off my talent?" Actually, according to the Apostle Paul we are to be using our gifts for the edification of the church. What many have done and are doing in the Church in America is to use their gifts and talents upon themselves *"...to consume them upon our own lusts."* (James 4:3).

What an exciting event of worship when we gather and what is lifted before God and to God also is an edification to the Church. Pastor Paul reminded our Sunday evening gathering this past week what we see from Philippians:

*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8*

Let's use our gifts to honor Him, from whom the gift was given. Participate by offering worship and participate by blessing God as He edifies you through what is being offering all around you. Participate!

**Blessings, -John Martinez**

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### August Nursery schedule

#### August 1st

9:15 am Lisa Stieneke  
10:15 am  
Stacey Brown

#### August 8th

9:15 am Kellie Estep  
10:30 am  
Shari Helman

#### August 15th

9:15 am Shari Martinez  
10:30 am  
Nancy Brackett

#### August 22nd

9:15 am David Shepherd  
10:30 am  
Lisa Stieneke

#### August 29th

9:15 am Julie Edwards  
10:30 am  
Casey Brown

### BLOG

Our pastors blog sites are at.

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Then click on their name and you will be directed to their

#### "Blogger" Site

This is a great way to get to know your Pastors on a more intimate level. Read their thoughts, see their stories, post your own responses, and ask them questions.

### Benevolence Pantry

#### AUGUST

Disposable Razors

Disposable Diapers

Dry Beans

Flavored Gelatin,

i.e. Jell-O

Condiments

i.e., Ketchup,

Mayonnaise,

Mustard

Creamer

Sugar

# Eastside Baptist Church

seeking to glorify God



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Adult Study The ROC	5	6 <b>Sonfest</b> 6th-8th	7* 9am Sonny Bunch Perkins Restaurant
8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship No Evening Service	9	10	11 7:00 PM Adult Study The ROC	12	13	14 12:00 <b>MVBA</b> Barbeque In Pine
15 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Evening Service	16	17	18 7:00 PM Adult Study The ROC	19	20	21
22 *9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5pm Eastside @ The Creek	23	24	25 7:00 PM Adult Study The ROC	26	27 <b>Women's Conference</b> 27th -29th	28
29 * 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Evening Service	30	31				

### Scripture Verse

1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,  
 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect  
 to salvation, 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

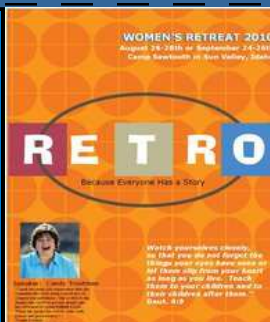
1 Peter 2:1-3

\* August  
1st  
9:00 A.M.  
Sonny Bunch  
Perkins  
Restaurant

\* August  
6th to 8th  
**Sonfest**

\*August  
22nd  
5:00 pm  
**Eastside**  
@ **The**  
**Creek**

\* August 29th  
4:30 P.M.  
Church Council  
Mtg.  
5:00 P.M.  
Ministry/  
Business Mtg.



**"The Link  
Calendar  
of  
Events"**