

February 1, 2009

Why a cross? – Part I

Timing is everything

John 19: 17-37

Who is the lamb?

- Jesus was the lamb of God (John 1:29)
- The sacrificial lamb (Isaiah 53:7 or Acts 8:32-35 or Rev 5:5ff)
- The central event of Passover...

“Coincidental” Symbolism:

“On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?” –Matthew 26:17

Jewish Law:

The feast of Passover: the 14th day of the 7th month

The feast of unleavened bread: the 15th day of the 7th month.

First Fruits: the first Sunday afterward

A very rare occurrence happens here according to Jewish history, that all three festivals happen all in one weekend

Friday: Passover - The Jews celebrate the deliverance from death through the blood of the lamb

Saturday: Festival of Matzo (unleavened bread) they are celebrating bread that comes from the earth through planting

Sunday: They celebrate “First Fruits” the celebration of fruit and life that comes from the earth

The Jews got what they prayed for...

And we got what we needed

Welcome!

We are glad you are here today! If you are new to Crossroads, please take a moment to introduce yourself by filling out a *Welcome Card (located in the chair pockets)* and dropping it into one of the Giving Boxes at the rear of the Sanctuary.

News & Events

Financial News:

- 2008 Individual Giving Statements will be issued upon request from the church office. If you would like a copy of yours, please email the church office (office@crossroadsnampa.com).
- You may now sign up for online giving via our new PayPal system. Visit our website at www.crossroadsnampa.com and click on the 'Giving' link.

Pre-marital counseling: If you would be interested in joining a pre-marital counseling group, please call Refuge Counseling Center at 465-4985.

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to join us for breakfast and Bible study the first Saturday of the month at 7:30am. The next breakfast is **February 7th**.

Father Daughter Dance: This year's dance will be held Friday, **February 13 from 7 - 10pm** in the Crossroads' gym. The tickets are \$20 per family and will be available at the door. There will also be a photographer on sight that evening to take pictures.

Baptism: There will be a Baptism class Sunday, **February 15th** in Room 13 for those who would like to be baptized during the service on **Feb. 22nd**. Questions? Please call the church office at 463-9070

Adults/Small Groups

MOPS, (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet at the church the 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:30 - 11:30am. All ladies who are expecting, or have children up to Kindergarten age are invited. The next meeting is **February 3**. For more information, contact Shelli Dice, sddice@yahoo.com or 573-0474.

Parents: If you are looking for a safe environment in which to share the joys and frustrations that go along with parenting a special needs child (such as ADHD, Autism, etc.) you are invited to join other parents that are dealing with similar issues for a time of sharing from the heart. The next meeting is **February 9 at 7pm**. For more information, call the church office at 463-9070.

Mug 'n Muffin! Ladies, bring your favorite coffee mug and enjoy a morning with the gals the third Saturday of the month. The morning includes special speakers, personal testimonies and small group times. Childcare is provided. Please contact Debbie Winchar with any questions at 461-4072. The next get together is **Feb 21st**.

LOVE TALK: Communication in Marriage: Join in a six week class based on Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott's DVD series, Love Talk. There is no cost

involved and all couples are invited. We will be meeting at **10:45am** in Room 16 beginning **Feb. 22nd**. Questions? Call Fred & Meri Lynn Parker (467-2254) or the church office.

Ladies Spring Retreat!!! Start planning (and saving) early. This year it will be May 15-17 at Camp Pinewood in McCall. Cost is only \$65 when you register (and pay) by April 19. Retreat for all ladies 18 years and older.

Singles 30 and up: There are many upcoming events for you to take part in. Stop by the Registration Counter in the foyer and pick up a calendar of events from the folder. Questions? Call Diane at 466-2192.

20-something group available the first and third Wednesdays of each month at C.J. and Cathy Gish's home at 7pm. For directions and additional information, call 466-7347.

328 Youth Ministry

More information at www.328ym.com

Parent Fundraiser Meeting for all parents of students going on the San Francisco mission trip TODAY following second service worship time (approx. 11:15) in Room 15.

Youth Retreat: We will once again be holding winter retreat at Shiloh Bible Camp in Donnelly Idaho. The mid-Hi camp will run from February 25 - 27. Sr-Hi camp will be from February 27 - March 1. Registration packets are available in the Youth Room. Scholarships are available. Don't miss the fun!

Youth Group: Sr High and Mid High youth groups meet Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 at the Church. All 6th - 12th graders are welcome to join us!

Youth Info: If you want to receive weekly updates on youth events and activities, email Rachel at the328ym@hotmail.com and you will be added to the list.

Children's Ministry

Children's Department volunteers: If you can help in any of the areas listed below, please sign up at the Children's Ministry table in the foyer.

2nd Service Children's Church -

- K - 2 teacher & aides
- 3rd - 5th teacher & aides

Hospitality Team

Ushers /Greeters: Thank you for your service! Just a reminder to those scheduled to serve Sunday, **February 8** - *Dian Ashcraft, Carrie Brown, Daren Clark, Matt Yarbrough, Joyce Mayer, Wendy Coons, Chris Gilliam and Breck Skinner*. If you would like to be a part of the Hospitality Team, call Breck Skinner at 939-7796.

Financial Update

Tithes & Offerings

Needed Monthly.....\$ 61,600
Received in January\$ 49,786

Giving Boxes are located at the back of the Sanctuary