

# We are so glad you're here!



Returning to what matters...  
An intimate, love relationship with Jesus Christ!



## Event Highlight

**STARTING APRIL 23RD**

**BELOVED  
WOMEN'S GROUP**

**KNOW YOU ARE VALUED. LOVED  
AND WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE**



Return Church  
Tuesdays  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
2nd Floor Youth Room  
Facilitators:  
Susan Nieves  
Rebecca Manecke

Beloved Women's Group  
Tuesday's 6:30p-8p

# Pastor Bill's Devotional

## "In Christ"

The phrases "In Christ," "in Him," "in the beloved", "in Me", etc.. occur 164 times in the New Testament. This phrase means being joined to Him, in union with Him. Or what is true of Him is true of us. Like a branch in the vine. Paul often mentioned his ways in Christ.

"For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways **in Christ**, as I teach everywhere in every church."

I Corinthians 4:17 NKJV

All believers are placed in Christ the moment they are born again. At that moment, they became a new creature, where your old man has died and your new man has come alive.

"Therefore, if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17 KJV

Try to see yourself as God sees you "in Christ". Who you are "In Christ" is your truest or real identity.

Your behavior doesn't determine your identity, instead, your identity determines your behavior.

If you see yourself as righteous, you will begin to live righteously.

"For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** all shall be made alive."

I Corinthians 15:22 NKJV

When God placed you in Christ Jesus, you became wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

"And because of him you are **in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,"

I Corinthians 1:30 ESV

Jesus who had no sin, became sin for us, that we might be placed in Him and become righteous.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in Him** we might become the righteousness of God."

II Corinthians 5:21 NIV

Try to live this week through your new identity, your true identity, or who you are "in Christ".

Pastor Bill

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

## April 2024

Baptism Sunday April 28th

## May 2024

Life Recovery Journey Thursday May 2nd

- Special Speaker ~ Storie Lane

Men's Breakfast May 4th



## Weekly events

### Sunday

Corporate Prayer 10:45a

Kid's Journey 11:00a

### Monday

Clothes Closet 3:00-5:00p

### Tuesday

Coffee Social 10:00a

Beloved Women's Group 6:30p

### Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study 6:30p

Middle School 6th-8th grades 6:30p

### Thursday

Portland Outreach 5:00p

Life Recovery Journey 6:30p



## LET US KNOW!

### Need Prayer

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." ~ James 5:14

[churchsecretary\(@returnchurch.org\)](mailto:churchsecretary@returnchurch.org)

(812) 752-8381

[facebook.com/returnchurch1](https://facebook.com/returnchurch1) | [instagram.com/returnchurch](https://instagram.com/returnchurch)

[www.returnchurch.org](http://www.returnchurch.org)

## MONTHLY MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

**Ben and Sara Haddix**  
**Nagoya, Japan**



Support our missionaries!  
Scan to give,  
select "Missions" fund.

Sara and I have formally submitted our documents to the Japanese government, and are now awaiting approval for our 3-year Religious Work Visas in the next few months. Depending on when they are approved, Sara and I are launching out to Nagoya, Japan in either May or June, after we finish serving at Fusion Bible Camp. In Nagoya, Sara and I will primarily be focused on learning language and culture, but will have plenty of opportunities to serve the church and participate directly in outreach. Otherwise, while we await the visa process, Sara and I are serving faithfully in Victory Church with Pastor Philip Thompson. We are so thankful for your prayers and support, Return Church! May God's favor be on you!

## RETURN MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### Life Recovery Journey

Sometimes I feel like a child, whose father has taken him to a fair or a carnival for the first time, and everything that this young child beholds is new and he is filled with excitement and gleeful anticipation. He wants to take all that he sees in at one time, but there is so much, and he wonders in amazement, what else does my father have in store for me, and he smiles with delight.

I see God doing so many wonderful things in the Life Recovery Group that meets on Thursday evenings.

I have heard people say, "this is the first time that I have ever been in a church in my life." One person was overheard saying when a Life Recovery Bible was given to him, "I have never held a Bible in my hands before."

As a result of people sharing their stories of recovery with our group and God's drawing them to Him, some have stepped forward and said, "I want to receive Christ."

I listen as we go around the table and folks tell us their names, where they are from, the success they have achieved while on this road of, celebrating, anywhere from, one day sober, to many year of sobriety. They share with us their victories and sometimes the struggles that they face on their journey, and yes, please

tell us what makes you smile.

Just the other day, I witnessed a person turn their life over to Christ and want to be baptized the following Sunday. This person brought some friends with him to Church. God is having an impact in others as the result of what He is doing in the lives of their friend. Wow! I would say that we serve a risen Savior.

I am grateful for all of the Church folks that God has and is raising up to help us with this ministry.

Thank you for being a part. We need our brothers and sisters in Christ.

What else does God have in store for us? It hasn't entered my mind, but I am filled with excited anticipation to see what He is doing now.

Sometimes I transport folks to and from our meetings and I overhear them say, "I like faith based meetings. This is good, I will be back, I will be here on Sunday. I am going to bring a friend. I want that Life Recovery Bible and Work Book."

There will be a day when our faith will become sight, and we will be in glory with our Father, trying to take everything in and all of heavens testimony will be - Look what the Lord has done! ~Pastor Ted Edgell

