

# Quarterly Newsletter

September~October~November 2025



AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE, SHOULD NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO DIED FOR THEM AND WAS RAISED AGAIN. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15



#### **Pastor Brent**

Greetings SONrise family,

Fall is in the air. The cool mornings and more comfortable daytime temperatures remind me that summer is drawing to a close for 2025. The crops are beginning to mature, the cows are coming home from summer pastures, and the feedlots are filling up with freshly weaned calves. When the calendar rolls over to September each year I know I must reorganize my project list to get the important things done before the snow flies in Wyoming. The changing of the seasons also causes me to remember that the same Creator God that puts order in the physical world also provides, sustains, and brings order and hope to our lives.

As we begin the fall ministry season at SONrise we are excited about the opportunities God will provide us to bring the message of the gospel to our community. The Collision Jr and Collision youth programs will kick off in early September. Newly hired Youth/Community Life Director Morgan Cross-Shoults will be leading the Collision youth ministry for Middle and High School students. Morgan and husband Travis have led the college ministry for several years at SONrise. They will continue that ministry as Morgan grows into her new responsibilities with youth and life groups.

We will again have a fall session of small group Bible studies that will meet at various times throughout the week. Keep watch for announcements of times and topics over the next couple weeks as we hope to have them started by the last week of September. Most will be 8-10 weeks long to conclude before the busyness of the holidays is upon us. There will be men's groups, women's groups, a marriage group, and I will be teaching another session of the Foundations class, which is a chronological walk through the Bible.

As we roll into fall my prayer for us as a body of believers is that God would use each of us within our sphere of influence to encourage others in their spiritual journey. May we be aware of the divine appointments and conversations that God gives us and be bold and eager to share the hope that we have in Christ.

1 Peter 3:15 – "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

Love you, SONrise! Pastor Brent

#### SONkidz

Greetings from the SONkidz team!

Summer came and went like a blur, but rich conversations about Scripture continued through it all!

In August our preschoolers started the second of a three year cycle through the Bible. They are being taught core Truth from the Old Testament currently. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to spend time with them! If you hear your child mention Timmy Bow-Ties, Topher the Gopher, Maisie the Mouse, or Ricky Raccoon, that's because those characters help us teach our lessons. Your child will also likely sing you their song, "It's true! It's true! The Bible is true! God gave it to me and he gave it to you. Doodly doodly do. It says He gave his Son to everyone! Doodly doodly do. It's true! It's true! The Bible is true!"

Elementary students started a new curriculum in August that we feel will better help us accomplish our mission in SONkidz. It is called, "Brite" by Awana. Our conversations have a been deep and kids are retaining so much important Truth! To keep the conversations going, be sure to pick up a monthly calendar from the check-in table. It has an outline of what we are learning, family discussion prompts, and a fun, family activity calendar. Don't miss out on opportunities to disciple your kids during these formational years!

Lastly, Collision Junior has kicked off! This is for any 2nd through 5th grader. For more information, come visit me to try it out! We will be doing something a little different this year. Each quarter will be "Family "Night" where we encourage you to join us as a whole family to share a meal, dig into the word, play together, and be challenged with an activity to go and do once you leave. Mark your calendars for Oct. 22 and Dec. 17!

In His Service, Megan Parker



#### **Missions**

On August 17th, we had our service in the park celebration. We try to have an annual service that is outside of our physical building. This provides an opportunity for us to gather together in a setting that uniquely facilitates fellowship. A great time was had by all, and we were encouraged by the visitors who attended!

On Friday, October 3rd, we are going to provide a tailgate for the Torrington Blazers Football game. This is an opportunity to have a presence in the community at a place they are already gathering and gives opportunities to make connections. We will be serving nachos.

Celebrate Recovery continues to grow! We are almost done with our first cycle of the 12 step recovery program. We are thankful for the work that Jesus is doing through this ministry and will continue to meet people where they are at! If you or anyone you know would like to attend, we meet on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Matt Parker

#### **COLLISION YOUTH**

I am excited to join the staff at SONrise Church and lead the middle school and high school youth. This is an incredible privilege and a calling that God has placed on my heart.

We have kicked off Middle School/High School Collison and will continue to gather every Wednesday. Middle School is 6pm-7:15pm and High School is 7:30pm-8:45pm. We will be serving snacks for each group and there will be a Good News Message, fun, and fellowship. Sixth through twelfth graders, please plan on joining us, as we look forward to meeting you!

Morgan Cross-Shoults

### **SONrise Events & Opportunities**

Sept 14 SONsenior Lunch

Sept 16 Celebrate Recovery (Weekly on Tues)

Sept 17 Men's Coffee (Weekly on Wed)

Sept 17 Collision Youth (Weekly on Wed)

Sept 17 Collision JR (Weekly on Wed)

Sept 21 Sign up deadline for Choir

Oct 3 Tailgate Sponsorship THS

Oct 5 Monthly MERGE

Oct 7 Women's Book Club

Oct 11 Men's Breakfast

Oct 12 Choir Sunday

Oct 12 SONsenior Lunch

Oct 18 Living Proof Women's Conference

Oct 22 Collision JR Family Night

Nov 2 Daylight Saving Time ends

Nov 2 Monthly MERGE

Nov 4 Women's Book Club

Nov 8 Men's Breakfast

Nov 9 SONsenior Lunch

Nov 27 Happy Thanksgiving!



## Praying for our SONrise Leadership

I urge, then first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority.

1 Timothy 2:1-2a

The leadership of a church take on a very great responsibility when they say yes to ministry. The enemy wants to attack them on all sides to keep them from following Christ in every way. Our leadership needs our support by our continuously praying for them as they lead SONrise, in following all the Lord has for our church!

Let us pray for unity between the Elders, Pastors and ministry leaders. Fall brings on a whole new schedule, many activities, and new things to add. May our leadership always seek unity with each other and with each of the ministries we have at SONrise. And may that unity flow over into the lives of every person at SONrise. That SONrise may be a unified church in seeking God together in all that we say and do!

