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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear PLPC Friends,

There is something about September that always excites me. Perhaps it's the hint of cooler weather. Perhaps because it's the beginning of football season. Perhaps it's the nostalgic feeling in my chest when I see children going to school with their brand new clothes, knowing that they are about to have new and life changing experiences. There is a sense of renewed hope and fresh expectation in the air.

In many ways, it's like a more sober version of New Year's Day. It's not a time for resolutions, but it is a time to get serious about them. In three months the year will be done. Anything you had hoped to accomplish this year needs your attention.

I truly believe that the next three months will be a turning point in the life of Priest Lake Presbyterian Church. As I have now talked about in the last two Sundays: I believe God has made a promise to our church that we will be debt free by the end of the year. It is impossible to know fully what God has in store for us as a debt free church. We've never been there. It is only a dim promised land. Up until now, it has only been a far away land that was pointless to even imagine or talk about.

I would like to encourage us all to begin to talk about it and imagine it. Let's not focus so much on what we will do with a surplus of dollars. Before anything we must seek God's vision for this church. Who is God calling us to be and what is God calling us to do in this coming year and beyond that? I heard a quote recently that has a ring of truth to it, "Attempt something large enough that failure is guaranteed ... unless God steps in!" Look beyond the possible and take a step of faith into a world that has never been imagined by human minds.

God doesn't want to set us free from the burden of our debt only to relieve us. He has a purpose for us that cannot happen until we begin to see beyond the debt.

Strain your vision with me, looking forward with a sense of renewed hope and fresh expectation, knowing that we are about to experience something new and life changing. Something no September has ever seen.

Your loving pastor,

Paul



Lectionary Schedule for September

Sep 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sep 12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14
1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sep 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sep 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Oct 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lam. 1:1-6; Psalm 137
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



September 6, 2010

Lord on this Labor Day,
we celebrate the work we do,
and we thank You for the blessing of our jobs.
We ask for those seeking employment that
You guide them in their search for work.

We ask for guidance when we are confused.
We ask for patience when working through conflicts.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask that You be with those whose faces
we might never see but who work tirelessly
each day for the good of us all.



*'Lord, support us all day long until shadows lengthen,
evening comes, the busy world hushed, the fever of life
is over and our life's work is done.*

*Then, in Thy tender mercy, give us safe lodging, holy
rest and everlasting peace at your side for eternity.'*
Amen



Worship Committee "Who Is Our King" ~ Nancy Diana ~

As we think about those four small and simple words, and the very deep question they pose, we might also realize that the answer to this is also the solution to all of the challenges of our earthly lives. We are, unfortunately, far too familiar with many these challenges: worry, frustration, dissolution, disappointment, confusion, longing, anxiety, insecurity, and so on. But as we reflect on how accustomed we've become with allowing these "regulars" into our homes and hearts, we have an incredible opportunity to change our view of them when we look at them while considering those four small words ... specifically, "Who is our king?" Has our job become our king? Have our health issues? Our relationships? Do we let our finances sit on a throne? It's easy to see how *anything* we put in a place of prominence in our lives can become the "ruler" or king of our lives. But, think on this: As Christians, we profess to believe that our Father, Creator, Savior is King over all!! It stands to reason then that if we truly believe that our Lord is King, there is no challenge, no worry, no anxiety, no disappointment, no insecurity, no frustration that He cannot overcome. Think what would happen if we gratefully acknowledge His Kingship and accepted his sovereign reign over our lives by laying down these cares before the throne rather than letting *them* sit in His place? Think of the joy that will return to our lives when we are genuinely worshipping before the throne of our Heavenly King, seeing His blessing in our lives, rather than continuing to live as though His power and grace are no match for what we face here on earth. Let us begin a renewed worship of Him as our only King!! Who is YOUR King?

Praise Happens
 Love Happens
 Prayer
God Happens
 us Praise Happens
 Joy Happens Forgiveness



“It's Tough Being a Woman”
Join WALK's newest Bible study
 ~ Crystal Caviness ~

As many of you know, when you've joined our Sunday night "God Happens - Praise & Worship" service, we have an inspiring evening of lifting our voices and spirits in energetic musical worship. A common reaction to this God-given energy is that we feel our "batteries" being recharged for the upcoming week with each word of blessing and thanks for the way God happens in our lives. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to join this experience yet, this is a "come as you are" gathering of loving individuals who seek to relate to our Creator with the gifts that he bestows. Yes, the gift of music is involved, but mostly, it's the gift of grateful appreciation that we bring to His blessed presence. While each evening follows a common format - songs, prayer and message - each evening also reveals much about the personal way God happens for us. The visible and audible joy of our musicians in the gifts they bring is evident and moving. The peace brought by the words of acknowledgement for God's bounty (even in times of trial) is felt by those in attendance. The way the Spirit moves in whoever is bringing the message or prayer for the evening then spills over to all who are listening. And while we may be lively and loud in our worship, there remains an underlying current of gentle peace and glorious grace. Let this be an invitation to share in our Sunday gifts to God. Every Sunday at 6:30 P.M., PLPC opens its sanctuary for a "come as you are" fellowship to share contemporary musical praise and worship about the way God happens in our lives. PLPC invites believers and non-believers alike. All ages are welcome.

PLPC's WALK women's ministry will begin a new Bible study Sunday, September 12, titled "Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman," a 9-week DVD study series by Beth Moore. The study will examine the life and courage of Esther and how her story of threat and deliverance is applicable in our lives today. The study is for women of all ages who have ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering in our hurried, harried and pressured lives.

We invite you to join us from 4:30-6 p.m. Sundays in the high school Sunday school class. Participants will need to purchase a workbook at any Lifeway store (\$15). PLPC members, friends and neighbors are welcome.

For more information, please contact Crystal Caviness at 885-2847 or crystal.caviness@gmail.com.

The story behind WALK (Women Are Love Keepers):

Women love their families. Women love their churches. Women love their friends. Women love their neighbors. Women Are Love Keepers in our society and throughout the world.

Oftentimes, however, worries, frustrations, daily challenges threaten to tear apart the love. But when we WALK together as women of faith, we form a stronghold against life's struggles, enabling one another to face each day armed with the power of love.

Women talking together. Women praying together. Women learning together. Women crying together. Women rejoicing together. Together, we will WALK victoriously through our lives, because Women Are Love Keepers.



Pastor Paul has an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 A.M. The group meets in the conference room. Bible study is as essential to the life of a Christian Community as breathing. Come join us and together we will "Breathe in the Word."



~ Nancy Loudermilk & Teena Smith ~

Hello to all our CareS Fans! We trust that everyone is off to a great start with school this year and that all of our youth and children are doing their very best! CareS started off on Wednesday, September 8th. Here is what we are up to **every** Wednesday night.

Our schedule is:

Start time	5:30 P.M
Chimes & other activities:	5:45 – 6:30
Pastor Paul Time:	6:30 – 6:45
Dinner:	6:45 – 7:15
Devotional:	7:15 – 8 P.M.
Depart:	8 P.M., please come inside for pick up and be prompt.

We are blessed again with great leadership. Pastor Paul will be leading the kids in Chimes, games and other things. Our elementary leader is Diane Hansel. Middle School leaders are Andi Mosley and Lisa Witten. High school leaders are Michele Witten and Mike Mosley. We'd very much like to find Diane a helper. Are you interested????!!!



Youth Sunday school

~Andi Mosley ~

Summer is about over and our Youth Sunday School classes for the Fall are going to break up into different age groups again.

Starting September 12th, Diane Hansel will be teaching the Elementary/Middle School groups and Pastor Paul will be teaching the High School group. The hours will remain the same from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Come join us and bring a friend, or two!



Young Adults Bible Study

~ Andi Mosley ~

The young adult bible study group (ages High School graduates to 24 years) went very well. We met over the summer mainly during the month of August. We discussed finding our identities in Christ. As a young adult one of the many challenges they face is trying to find their place in this big world so that is why we focused more in depth on this topic and tried to discover further Christ's path for each of them. There were two consistent attendees: Lisa Witten and Rebecca Carroll. Due to the success with this group we hope to offer this program next year. I want to say a special thanks to Leesa Fields and Michele Witten for providing dinner for a few of the sessions. It is support from kind people like you that help make these opportunities possible!

Please continue to lift up the young adults in our church and in our community. The journey of a young adult can be a trying one, but through our prayers and support we can help lift them up during this process.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

This year we are borrowing the National PTA's campaign *Three from Me!* In other words, we'd like each family with a child or children participating to commit to 3 hours over the course of the year in some way to help the CareS program. We **need** volunteers to help cook, cleanup the kitchen, assist with special events, serve as table parents, etc. We also strongly believe that there are many non-parents in the congregation who have the desire and call to help with this program. We certainly need and covet the support of the entire congregation – whether it be through your time, your financial gifts, and/or your prayers.

We do prepare a meal each week for our children. We ask that each child contribute \$3 a week or as much as your family can pay, to offset this cost. We don't want to lose a single child, so, if cost is an issue, please just let one of us know. We ask that you either send a check with your child(ren) made payable to PLPC, or if sending cash, please bring in yourself to one of the adults in charge. You are welcome to pay by the semester or month if that makes it easier.

If you desire to help in any way, please contact either Teena (243-8845) or me (207-9131) or the church office!

**Treasurer's Report
September 2010**



*~ Jim Gracy ~
Treasurer*

Our August income was \$15,616.00 with expenses of \$13,950.00. As you will note below that we are a positive of \$1,666.00 for the month and are about even for the year. We have come a long way in the last couple of months. Thank all of you for “stepping up to the plate.”

**Revenues and Expenses for the
(Operating accounts only)**

	August 2010	Year to Date
Revenues:	\$ 9,715.00	\$ 75,890.00
Pledge Contributions	2,122.25	16,190.74
Loose Offerings	<u>3,779.67</u>	<u>25,380.52</u>
Other	\$15,616.92	\$117,461.26
Total Revenues		
Expenses:		
Personnel	\$ 7,221.09	\$ 61,250.51
General (includes mortgage)	2,601.03	20,607.78
Properties	1,891.39	20,781.76
Committees	82.00	1,550.02
Other	<u>2,155.01</u>	<u>12,858.55</u>
Total Expenses	\$13,950.52	\$117,048.62
Net Profit (Loss)	\$1,666.40	\$412.64



When giving to special offerings, please try to make them above your regular giving, as they do not go toward our budget items.



**Labor Day BBQ
~ Stuart Smothers ~**

Thanks to everyone for your participation in the Labor Day BBQ. This year's barbeque was the best yet and fun was experienced by all.

Thanks also to all of our hard working cooks, Phil Hereford and Jon Loudermilk for the ribs and chicken and Pastor Paul, with that great brisket! Our thanks for the delicious baked beans cooked by David Carter, our coleslaw prepared by Joel Hutchison and the wonderful homemade barbeque sauce by George Harper. Jim Gracy provided the watermelon. The tables were prepared by our friend, Richard Lewis.

Also special thanks to the musicians for their great entertainment George Harper and the Music City Dixieland Band.



**Walkers Wanted
~ Gloria Kimbro ~**

You are welcome to join us in the gym Mon. - Fri. 8:30 till we run out of steam or conversation. You never know whether there will be 1, 2 or 14 to walk with. What you do know is that even though we are walking in circles either our metabolism or our spirits will get a boost. If you know of friends or neighbors that would enjoy this, please call me at 668-4693 or tell them to just show up. Everyone is welcomed.



**September Schedule for
Worship Leaders,
Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes**

Sep 5 Communion	Worship Leader	Kathy Ware
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Stuart Smothers
	Greet/Usher/Serve	Bill Allen Maggie Wright
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Joyce Hanson
	Serve Choir	Joyce Hereford
Sep 12	Worship Leader	Dave Smith
	Greeters	Dori Hutchison Nancy Diana
	Ushers	Teena Smith Michele Witten
Sep 19	Worship Leader	Phil McGovern
	Greeters	Fred Dahlman Belle Dahlman
	Ushers	Nancy Loudermilk Terry Culp
Sep 26	Worship Leader	Nancy Diana
	Greeters	Telse Saunders Rick Laney
	Ushers	Matt Hansel Diane Hansel
Oct 3 Communion	Worship Leader	Jim Gracy
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Dave Smith
	Greet/Usher/Serve	Tess Smith Phil McGovern
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Marilyn McGovern
	Serve Choir	Nancy Diana

ACOLYTES

Sep 5	Brooke Stuteville	Michaela Mosley
Sep 12	Mayerli Garcia	Faye Garcia
Sep 19	Brooke Stuteville	Lauren Stuteville
Sep 26	Faye Garcia	Mayerli Garcia
Oct 3	Michaela Mosley	Brooke Stuteville

**September Calendar of Activities,
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
2	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM
3	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Jon & Nancy Loudermilk Jennifer Burns
4	Melanie Watson
5	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Fall Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM Jerry & Pam Wilbanks
6	Labor Day – Office Closed Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Teena Smith
8	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
9	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Savannah Loudermilk
10	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
11	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Toby & Terry Culp Lenna Allen Martha Cross Mike Mosley
12	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth Fall Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM Cathay McAninch
14	Tess Smith
15	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
16	Ladies Lunch Bunch – 10:30 AM Terry Culp
17	Katie Wilbanks Trent Canter
18	High School Retreat – Fall Creek Falls Jim & Catherine Gracy
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20	Session Meeting – 7:00 PM Walt & Jean Litaker LeAnne Reed
21	James & Cristela Schrier
22	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
24	Ellen Dudek
25	High School Car Wash – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Salt Shakers Wes & Michele Witten
26	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth Fall Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
29	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Dallas & Florence Sass
30	Bob & Kathy Ware Valerie Barton



GOT SALT?
~Gloria Kimbro ~

It is that time again to make plans for our adult **Salt Shakers** supper group. Please join us for an evening of fun and good food. This is a great chance to get to know each other better as we get together in an informal setting. Once a month we have dinner at a members' home where a group of approximately eight to ten people will attend (*couples or singles*). You do **not** have to be a church member. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of your church friends in a relaxed setting in someone's home. The evenings will be fun and informal and the food will be great. Try it - you'll like it! We plan to meet on Saturday, September 25th. Please put this date on your calendar!!



Ladies Lunch Bunch
~ Florence Sass ~

All the ladies of the church and friends are invited to our next gathering that will be on Thursday, September 16th. We plan to go to Boxwood Bistro at 230 Franklin Road, Franklin. If you plan to join us, meet at the church at 10:30 A.M. to carpool. If you plan to attend, please let Florence know either by phone at 220-4538 or email at dsass68553@aol.com to "RSVP" no later than the Tuesday before, September 14th. All women of the church and friends are welcome to join us for this get-together.

We are always looking for new ideas for our next month's outing after trying it out and making sure that they take group reservations. Hope to see you at the next gathering.



~ Michele Witten ~
High School Youth Retreat

The High School Youth Group will be embarking on their annual Fall Creed Falls retreat on September 18th and 19th. The fall retreat serves as an opportunity for the high school youth to bond together without interruptions of technology (cell phones don't work there.) Playing in the falls, hiking the trails and campfire devotionals will be only a portion of the memories the teens take home.



~ Michele Witten ~
High School Car Wash

The high schoolers have rescheduled their car wash.

When: September 25 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Where: PLPC Parking Lot
Cost: By Donations

Funds will be used to help off set the costs of Project JOY travel expenses. Please come and help support your youth ministries.



Chime Day Camp
~ Michele Witten ~

Chime Day Camp was held August 28th at PLPC. Eight youths were in attendance. Pastor Paul led the youth through several pieces of music. The day was completed with a trip to Sportscom in Murfreesboro for a few hours of fun at the water park. The chime choir is looking forward to playing for the congregation this year.



Project J.O.Y. 2010
~ Sue Handisides ~

Shakespeare in the Park 2010 This is the big fundraiser for Project J.O.Y. is currently playing every Thursday thru Sunday evening through September 12th. The production this year is "Loves Labor's Lost" which is a witty romantic comedy and will be a fun evening under the stars at the Band shell in Centennial Park. Per-show entertainment starts at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30. Project J.O.Y. will be serving BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, nachos, soft drinks and our giant brownies. So bring the family, enjoy the play and drop by and say Hi!

Dates for your Calendar

Kick off Sunday – September 12th (Donated items can be dropped off at the Church anytime after Labor Day Monday)

Project J.O.Y. Mission Trip to Harlan - October 23rd
(We will travel and setup on Friday Oct 22nd)

Hotel Reservations- for Project J.O.Y. Trip will need to be made by September 22nd.

Panty Project Hand-Me-Down UNDERWEAR no one would want that! We want to provide NEW underwear for men, women and children. We will take any size and color of conservative cotton underwear. First Presbyterian in Tullahoma has been working on this project since mid summer and has just delivered several boxes of underwear to Project J.O.Y. If you would also like to get involved some really good bargains can be found at Dollar General, K-Mart and Target.

School Learning Bags We have had a special request this year from teachers for three ring binders. Binders with company names on the front as well as new would be fine. If you and your family would like to fill learning bags or just donate school supplies to Project J.O.Y. the new list will be available in the Narthex along with the plastic bags. If you have any questions please contact Belle Dahlman.

Tylenol (Non Aspirin Products) Every year while in Harlan we have mothers come to us asking if we have anything for a fever. We have never had the funds to include items of this kind. If you would like to donate Children's liquid or chewable Tylenol or adult strength Tylenol (can be store brands) or funds to purchase product we can always use the help.

The Big Blue Bin School has started and every one is looking for some cooler weather! If you are cleaning out your closets please remember that the Big Blue Bin is waiting in the Sunday School Hall. You can drop off anything you would like on Sunday on your way to Church or every weekday morning from 8:30 to 12:30.



Project JOY
"Panty Project"
~ Leesa Fields ~

As we begin work on this year's trip to Harlan, KY for Project JOY, we are asking for your help on a new area of need...new underwear.

Although we have all had hand-me-down clothes at some time in our lives, none of us would relish the idea of hand-me-down underwear. And the people in Harlan are no different. So we are launching "The Panty Project", an effort to provide new underwear for men, women and children. We will take any size and any color, but we ask they be conservative in style.

You can put your donation in the washtub in the hall at church or if you prefer, you can drop your change in the jug and we'll do the shopping.

Check out the great prices at Dollar General or Big Lots. We'll keep you posted on sales as they happen. Thanks and don't forget your undies!

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