



The Breath

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Have you ever found yourself wishing you could find an answer book for all of the questions in life? Would you like to find a book which could give advice, or tell you about how to live life? Such a book does exist, and it is called the Bible. I would like to share with you this anonymous article from the internet called:

"Our Thinking Versus God's Promises".

We think, "It's impossible"

God says, "All things are possible" (Luke 18:27)

We think, "I'm too tired"

God says, "I will give you rest" (Mathew 11:28-30)

We think, "Nobody loves me"

God says, "I love you" (John 3:16 and John 13: 34)

We think, "I can't go on"

God says, "My grace is sufficient for your needs" (II Cor 12:9)

We think, "I can't figure things out"

God says, "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We think, "I can't do it"

God says, "You can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13)

We think, "I am not able"

God says, "It will be worth the effort" (Romans 8:28)

We think, "I can't forgive myself"

God says, "I forgive you" (I John 1:9, and Romans 8:1)

We think, "I cannot manage"

God says, "I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19)

We think, "I am afraid"

God says, "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (II Timothy 1:7)

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We think, "I am always worried and frustrated"
God says, "Cast all your cares on me" (1 Peter 5:7)

We think, "I do not have enough faith"
God says, "I have given everyone a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3)

We think, "I am not smart enough"
God says, "I will give you wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:30)

We think, "I feel all alone"
God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)

(#4 Anonymous from the Internet)

For every question we have, God has an answer. When we believe God's answers, then we can live a life of faith and integrity, because we can trust God in the face of any and all adversity.

As we follow Jesus, we learn that Jesus trusted God and God did not disappoint him nor will God disappoint us.

And that is the Good News!

Pastor Jimmie



The Seekers adult Sunday School class is studying and discussing 1 Corinthians. When we finish this book, we will be moving into 2 Corinthians. Any and all interested parties are welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Please come and add to our discussion. Coffee and sweet breads served, weekly.

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms



***M is for the miracle of Being.
O is for its origin in love.
T is for the tenderness of seeing.
H is for a home no wind can move.
E is for the ecstasy of living.
R is for the recklessness of giving.***



News to know -- Following are highlights of recent Session business:

A padlock and "no trespassing" sign have been placed on the door to the playground. In recent months, the playground equipment has deteriorated and may not be safe. The playground will be closed until the Session can determine the next steps regarding the play equipment. Thank you, Dave Nock, for your work on this.

Dave Nock also volunteered to fix all of the drains around the church so that they drain away from the building foundation.

Nancy Loudermilk has taken on the massive task of updating the church roll. Thank you, Nancy!

Regarding our budget: Currently our pledges are running ahead of projections. However, please keep in mind that summer tends to be a time when giving slows.

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to the church office.

-Crystal Caviness, Clerk of Session



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the faithful service of the Elders who are rotating off the Session:

Phil Hereford, Mike Howard, Nancy Loudermilk, and Laura Bradford. We appreciate their faithful and dedicated service.



With thankful hearts, we welcome the new ruling elders who recently have been ordained at Priest Lake Presbyterian Church. May God bless your leadership and commitment to doing work for His Kingdom. Pictured (l-r): Valerie Kessel Barton, Leesa Morrison Fields, Jon Loudermilk, Florence Nkosi and Justin Greene.

Period March 1 – March 31, 2017
(Operating accounts only)

CHURCH FUNDS:

Revenue:	
Pledge Contributions	\$37,138.00
Loose Offerings	\$8,356.50
All Other	\$2,702.70
Total Revenues	\$48,197.20
Expense:	
Missions	\$2,901.56
General Expenses	\$2,743.25
Properties	\$8,486.39
Committee Expenses	\$1,167.64
Personnel	\$26,969.38
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$42,268.22
Income as of 3/31/17	\$5,928.98

MISSION FUNDS:

Mission dollars carried over from 12/31/16	\$3,008.36
Mission dollars accrued as of 3/31/17	\$4,819.64
Mission dollars transferred to Designated Accounts	\$0.00
Mission dollars spent as of 3/31/17	-\$2,901.56
Mission dollars available at 3/31/17	\$4,924.44

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Designated dollars carried over from 12/31/16	\$9,464.62
Designated funds received as of 3/31/17	\$9,920.38
Designated funds spent as of 3/31/17	-\$4,018.98
Designated funds transferred to Savings	\$0.00
Due to designated funds as of 3/31/17	\$15,361.02

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

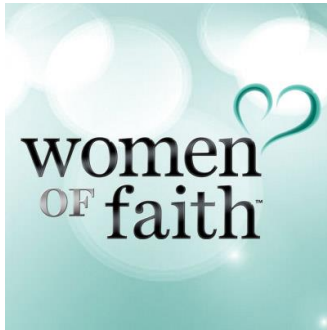
Money in Checking at 3/31/17		\$24,134.38
General Funds	\$3,848.92	
Missions Funds	\$4,924.44	
Designated Accounts	\$15,361.02	
Money in Savings at 3/31/17		\$29,471.88
A/C Fund	\$4,275.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$4,700.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$8,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,496.88	

Worship SCHEDULE

May 7	Worship Leader	David Sadler
	Communion set up	Crystal Caviness
	Greeters/Ushers	Nancy Loudermilk Crystal Caviness
	Ushers	Bill Allen Phil Hereford
	Serve Choir	David Sadler
	Communion cleanup	Crystal Caviness
May 14	Worship Leader	John Buwalda
	Greeters/Ushers	Steve & Kristy Greene
	Ushers	Jimmy & Gloria Kimbro
May 21	Worship Leader	Nancy Loudermilk
	Greeters/Ushers	Cat & Laura Bradford
	Ushers	Linda Anders Tess Smith
May 28	Worship Leader	Kathy Ware
	Greeters/Ushers	Fred & Belle Dahlman
	Ushers	Leesa Fields Florence Nkosi

*Note: If you are unable to serve in the capacity of preparing Communion, greeters, ushers, servers, cleanup or worship Leader, please see Jon Loudermilk or you may contact him at 615-714-8751 or by email JonLoudermilk@tds.net. If you would like to be included in our rotation, please speak to Jon.

May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rev. Lancaster – Out of the Office Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	2 Rev. Lancaster – Out of the Office Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 – 7:30 – Cabin	3 Rev. Lancaster – Out of the Office Bible Study – 9:15 No WALK Choir Practice - 7:00	4 Rev. Lancaster – Out of the Office Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study– 7:00	5 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	6 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Music Practice– 7:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
7 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00	8 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 *Eric & Niki Witten Hensley	9 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin *Carrie Harvey *Karla Horton	10 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	11 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study– 7:00	12 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	13 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Music Practice– 7:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
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21 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00	22 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 *Shirley Hansel	23 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin	24 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	25 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Bible Study– 7:00	26 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	27 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Music Practice– 7:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 *Danny & Donna Rae Dickerson
28 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00	29 Memorial Day – Office Closed Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	30 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin *Dale Fields	31 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	Notes: * indicates birthdays or anniversaries		



Wednesday WALK continues its journey through 'The Sabbath Challenge,' Sunday WALK takes a sabbatical

The Wednesday night WALK group continues its journey through "The Sabbath Challenge." Wednesday WALK will meet on an abbreviated schedule during May. Following is the schedule:

- May 3 - No WALK
- May 10 - WALK (review chapters 10 and 11)
- May 17 - No WALK
- May 24 - WALK (review chapters 12 and 13)
- May 31 - WALK (review chapters 14 and 15)

The Wednesday WALK group will take a sabbatical during the summer months. Watch for news about a new series beginning in September.

The Sunday WALK group has ended its study of Nehemiah and will take a sabbatical through the next few months. Watch for news about a new study resuming in September.

Feel free to drop by either WALK group at any time! The Sunday WALK group meets weekly from 5-7 p.m.; Wednesday WALK group meets each week from 6-7 p.m.

WALK, in its seventh year, has grown into a supportive group of women who pray and care for one another as we each seek God's Will for our lives. For more information, contact Crystal Caviness at Crystal.caviness@gmail.com or [615.306.3401](tel:615.306.3401).



Congratulations to the following members of the PLPC family who are graduating this month:

Megan Sadler, associate degree from Nashville Tech Community College
Savannah Loudermilk, Master of Science, Elementary Education, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She will be seeking a teaching position in the Middle Tennessee area, hopefully with MNPS.
Tyler Caviness, Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law at Knoxville. He will be sitting for the bar exam in August.



HOOPS 2017

This year, HOOPS will begin on Wednesday, June 7th beginning at 5:30 pm in the church gym. PLPC is entering its 9th year of HOOPS. This program uniquely matches basketball and God's love with youth in our community. Originally started by Pastor Paul, this Christian education/mission program has 20-30 participants. Spread the news, HOOPS is only a few weeks away.



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Currently our budget shows that we are in good shape, but warmer weather, and summer travel is approaching. Historically, we see a drop off in giving to the church during the summer months. Please remember to keep your pledge current if you plan to be away from PLPC during the next few months. Our programs and staff depend upon your giving. Stay safe during your travels, and return to us in one piece.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee



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