



The Breath

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Returning to the House of Bread

The book of Ruth is a story that used to be viewed as kind of a "cute love story," but scholars in recent years have been diving into Ruth and finding that it is a deep well with the gospel written all over it.

Naomi, the matriarch of the story, used to be depicted as a whiner, who lived in bitterness and self-pity. Now she is understood to be as faithful as Job - a woman who remained faithful and returned to her people when her life seemed empty and abandoned. Naomi had lost everything, her husband and her two sons. This meant her income, her family and her future seemed to have been taken away. But Naomi resolved to move back home. Her home was Bethlehem, which in Hebrew meant "House" of Bread," so in faith Naomi was going back to the place of provision, the place of manna, to be filled again.

This month, we'll be studying Ruth and considering "the House of Bread" God has given us here at PLPC and in our community. We'll be looking at:

- God's refusal to let us go
- Grace and abundance beyond our imagination
- How we can be carriers of God's mercy and abundance to the world
- The goodness of our "Redeemer kinsman"
- And how we can choose new names for ourselves, claiming names of joy, laughter and children of God.

Join us for five weeks of Ruth and maybe you'll find, as did Naomi, that you have returned to a place of abundance and trust in the God who fills us when we are empty.

Grace and peace,

Cindy

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly on a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
that anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We
Thank You
so much whatever the part.

To my PLPC family,
I want to thank you for the very beautiful plant sent to remember my son, Maurice. I also want to thank the church for allowing us to gather there after Maurice's service creating a lot of work for many but I do appreciate all of your help. And may I thank the many church members who attended Maurice's service. Your support meant a lot to me. Blessings to all. Eloise Butler

Bread of Life

Come. Engage. Share.



PLPC is gearing up for our Annual Stewardship campaign, which will culminate in our submitting our pledges on Sunday, November 12th. We celebrate the giving of our gifts as one, because like the Bread of Life, it nourishes our collective spirit.

Over the next several weeks, you will hear sermons and testimonies based upon what PLPC has and can do. You will be asked to *discern* your calling in the ministry of PLPC. As you contemplate your decision, we ask you to reflect upon this year's theme – "Bread of Life: Come. Engage. Share." "Bread of life" is the metaphorical phrase Jesus uses to reveal who he is (John 6:35). Bread is essential. Jesus is saying that he should be the essence of our lives, the one whose path we follow. Bread also is what nourishes us, that we might have life. Jesus came not just that we might have life, but that we might have it abundantly (John 10:10). We feel this abundance – the rightness, the serenity, the completeness – in our lives when we summon the will to follow in his footsteps. Come. Engage in the bread of life and live abundantly. Come. Engage in the bread of life and follow the path Jesus charted with his life and teachings by sharing generously. With a foundation of prayer and faith, you will be equipped to Come, Engage, and Share in order to make your commitment to the ministry of PLPC for 2018.

Along with your financial pledge to PLPC, you will also be asked to complete a Time & Talent pledge, indicating the ways you would like to serve at PLPC, and beyond in the coming year. The T & T pledge lists multiple ways to be involved and engaged, and is invaluable to those who organize the numerous opportunities available at PLPC to operate as a vibrant community of faith. This includes the Worship, Mission, Property, Congregational Life, Christian Education, and Membership Committees, as well as all of the "behind the scenes committees" that keep us functioning, like Personnel, Finance, Stewardship and Nominating.

Please pray about your commitment of time, talent and treasure. We know when we make our pledge that it takes money, time, and talent for PLPC to continue to do the all of the wonderful things it does, both here at home, and for the world outside our brick walls. And we know – because Jesus was pretty clear about this – that EVERY pledge, regardless of size, matters. Continue to pray for our Session as they seek to lead our congregation not only into the next year, but through discernment, guide us to answer God's call in our community and the world.

Your Partners in Christ's Service,
The Stewardship and Finance Committee

Worship Leader	Greet	Usher	Communion
October 1 – Justin Greene	Nancy Loudermilk & Frank Horton Kathy Ware serves choir	Belle Dahlman & Phil Hereford	Prep communion: Nancy Loudermilk Clean-up – Kathy Ware
October 8 – Dave Nock	Crystal Caviness & Florence Nkosi	Fred Dahlman & Dori Hutchison	
October 15 – Nancy Loudermilk	Gloria & Jimmy Kimbro	Lenna & Bill Allen	
October 22 – Jordan Greene	Karla Horton & Kristy Greene	Savannah Loudermilk & Valerie Barton	
October 29 – John Buwalda	Bonnie Shapbell & Linda Anders	Megan & Seth Sadler	

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.



Treasurer Report

OPERATING INCOME

Income during August 2017	\$13,788.10
Expenses during August 2017	\$16,532.19
Net Operating Income for August 2017	-\$2,744.09
Year to Date Income Received through 8/31/17	\$111,584.34
Year to Date Expenses through 8/31/17	\$113,233.00
Net Operating Income through 8/31/17	-\$1,648.66

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

Money in Checking at 8/31/17		\$32,673.97
General Funds	-\$5,764.10	
Missions Funds	\$6,679.58	
Designated Accounts	\$31,758.49	
Money in Savings at 8/31/17		\$29,834.37
A/C Fund	\$4,400.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$5,375.00	
Insurance Deductible Sinking Fund	\$10,000.00	
Nazarene Donation – Designated for PNC to use for Moving Expenses for New Pastor	\$7,560.00	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,499.37	

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Sadler Wedding Shower Project JOY workday – following Worship Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00	2 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	3 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	4 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	5 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	6 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Joyce Hanson	7 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
8 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Project JOY workday & bake sale - following Worship Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00 WALK – 5:00 pm Zach Culp	9 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	10 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	11 Bible Study – 9:15 YAM – 6:30 Choir Practice - 7:00	12 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	13 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	14 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Ladies Outing – meet @ church – 10:30
15 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Project JOY workday – following Worship Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00 Fall Bonfire & Hot Dog Roast – 6:00	16 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	17 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	18 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	19 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	20 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	21 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
22 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Project JOY "All Hands-on Deck" – following Worship Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 12:00 WALK – 5:00 pm	23 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30	24 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Narcotics Anonymous – 6:45 - Cabin	25 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00 Jonathan Schwartz Tyler Caviness	26 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Jimmy Kimbro	27 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 Justin Greene	28 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
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Italian Dinner
Friday November 10th
6:30 PM

Are you ready for an evening in Italy? Then come join us for an evening of great food and live music.

Our chef for this event is Jonathan Schwartz. He is preparing a great menu of Italian favorites, all from scratch.

The meal includes:

Spaghetti with homemade marinara sauce and meatballs
Chicken Alfredo
Italian Creamed spinach
Caesar salad and hot bread
A variety of homemade Italian desserts

Tickets for the dinner are \$15.00 per person, or you can purchase a table of 6 for \$72.00. That's a savings of \$18.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

This dinner is a great opportunity to invite family and friends for a great meal.

Proceeds to benefit the Kenya project.



Fall Bonfire & Hot Dog Roast
Sunday, October 15th
6:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair and join us for a fall evening around the campfire!

We'll have hot dogs and all the fixins', and, back by popular demand, you can dip your own caramel apple with lots of toppings.

This event is open to everyone, so bring a friend.

See you 'round the campfire!

Join us as WALK groups kick off Fall studies with new schedule

WALK is kicking off two new study series this Fall and doing so with a new schedule. Rather than meeting weekly, each study will meet every other week, which still will provide ladies of the church and community a weekly offering of study, fellowship and prayer.



The Wednesday WALK group, which will meet every other week from 6-7 p.m. beginning September 6, will watch Rob Bell's NOOMA video series this Fall. The short films, which cover topics such as love, pain, grief, suffering, anger, blessings, and God's plan for our lives, always spark lively conversations! We invite you to join us for this thought-provoking series. No study materials are required. Session dates are September 6th, September 20th, October 4th, October 18th, November 1st, November 15th and November 29th.



The Sunday WALK group will meet 5-6:30 p.m. beginning September 10. The group will study "All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians" by Kelly Minter. In the eight-part video series, you will have a chance to explore the anchoring truths of bearing treasures in jars of clay, meeting Christ through a pressing thorn, opening wide your heart in the midst of hurtful relationships, and what it means to embrace the lost and lonely as ministers of the new covenant. Because of Jesus, the old has gone, the new has come. Please consider joining us for a meaningful time of study, discussion and fellowship. The study book can be purchased at Amazon or Lifeway. Session dates are September 10th, September 24th, October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 17th.

Feel free to drop by either WALK group at any time! The Sunday WALK group meets from 5-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday WALK group meets 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).



PLPC Ladies Outing Set for October 14th

Ladies, you are invited to join us for a PLPC Ladies Outing on Saturday, October 14th, when we will enjoy nourishment for our souls and bodies.

We will meet at the church to carpool (if desired) as we travel to Scarritt Bennett to walk the [prayer labyrinth](#). The self-guided, self-paced labyrinth invites its guests to discover the tradition

that dates back to medieval times. Both in that time, and in the present, people have found walking a labyrinth helpful for meditation. Guidelines for walking the labyrinth will be provided.



Following our time at Scarritt Bennett, we will travel to the newly-remodeled Cafe at Thistle Farms for lunch and shopping. Please review this [link](#) to learn more about its menu. While at lunch, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the [Thistle Farms ministry](#), as well as enjoy shopping at the Shop at Thistle Farms.

THISTLE FARMS™

If you would like to carpool, please plan to meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. We will plan to arrive at Scarritt Bennett by 11 a.m. Tentatively, we will leave Scarritt Bennett around 11:30 a.m., to arrive at the Cafe at Thistle Farms by 11:45 a.m. We will be back at the church between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

You are welcome to meet us at either both or one of the locations, depending on your schedule.

Scarritt Bennett: 1008 19th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212

Cafe at Thistle Farms: 5122 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37209

We hope you will join us for this fun outing and encourage you to invite friends! To RSVP, please email crystal.caviness@gmail.com or call the church office at [615.366.0247](tel:615.366.0247).

In case of rain, we will go to the Cafe at Thistle Farms only. If we expect rain, we will send out an amended timeline.



Church Clean-up Day Saturday, September 23rd

We had a dedicated crew sprucing up our grounds (inside and out) this first full day of Fall! Painting, dusting, scrubbing, trimming, digging, raking, de-leafing, and more - so many talents and gifts shared in love for our church family and community! We are so grateful for every person who gave up their Saturday to clean up God's place at PLPC!



Project J.O.Y. (Joyous Offerings of Youth)

In four weeks, on October 28th, our 19th annual mission trip to Appalachia to serve the people of Harlan, Kentucky will be underway! Project J.O.Y. has many parts, and it takes the efforts of many individuals and small churches to meet the needs of this economically disadvantaged area of our region. We are so thankful that all of the parts of this mission come together with the common goal of improving the lives of children and families in this formerly thriving coal mining area. Help is needed in the following areas:

- **Work Days and Other Important Dates** – Preparation for this trip begins several weeks in advance. We need help setting-up tables, organizing/filling learning bags, sorting and labeling clothes/underwear/socks, and prepping food & other donations. Please watch e-mail and our Facebook page (Project J.O.Y. of Tennessee) for additional info:
 - **October 7th, 14th, 21st** - We will work these three *Saturdays* from 10am – 2pm
 - **October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd** - We will work these three *Sundays* from Noon – 3pm
 - **October 25th** - Load trucks and clean-up gym
 - **October 27st** - Travel to Harlan, KY
 - **October 28nd** - Distribution in Harlan, KY & return home
- **Learning Bags** - Filling a learning bag with school supplies specific to a child's age or grade level and getting the supplies directly into the hands of the child will increase the chances of that child succeeding in school. In addition, making school supplies available to the teachers and counselors of Harlan's schools will benefit countless children as they struggle against generational poverty and a variety of other obstacles to a good education. See Belle Dahlman or pick-up a list from the table in the front hallway for more details.
- **Toiletries** - Items such as toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, and laundry detergent are items that families cannot purchase with food stamps, yet most of us would consider these to be basic necessities for personal hygiene and being successful at school and work.
- **Clothing** – The following items are needed for girls, boys, women, and men: *jeans; hoodies; t-shirts; shoes/boots; sweatshirts/pants; hats; gloves; socks; NEW underwear; and, undershirts*. All items should be in sizes 4T and up.
- **Goodwill Donations** – Do you have other items you wish to donate? Anything we cannot take with us to Harlan will be sorted into the big blue bins in the hallway for Goodwill to pick-up. For each full bin, we earn a gift card for Goodwill stores we use to purchase more jeans and sweats to take to Harlan. It's a win-win!

If you have any questions, want to get involved, or would like to travel with us to Harlan, please contact a member of the Project J.O.Y. Committee: Michele Witten, Terry Culp, Belle Dahlman, Valerie Barton, Elizabeth Sadler, David Sadler, Wes Witten, Lisa Witten, Justin Greene, Mike Howard, or Fred Dahlman.

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