



The Breath

Priest Lake Presbyterian Church
"Take the Breath to Spread the Word"

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Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

A couple years ago, I had a conversation with a deeply committed, servant-hearted Christian friend. She told me that her pastor in another church was "always encouraging everyone to share Jesus." (I thought in my heart, "He is right".) She then looked sad and said, "I love God and I believe I have given him my heart, but I don't ever see myself walking up to someone and asking them if they have a personal relationship with Jesus." I said, "Is that what you think you are supposed to do? She said, "Yes, I guess so. "

Lots of us have been given the impression that sharing Jesus means being confrontive, or sounding like Billy Graham. My delightful friend had been given the impression that she hasn't been sharing Jesus, but as we talked, I let her know that *she shares Jesus every moment, because she is full of Jesus* – full to overflowing! And when she speaks, her faith is inviting and warm and real. I told her that if we try to share Jesus in some kind of scripted talk or try to be someone besides ourselves, non-believers will sense the falseness and we lose our chance to share!

As I have been getting to know many of you at PLPC, I've been reminded of my dear friend. It is common for people to feel intimidated by faith sharing. We at PLPC believe, but don't know how to share about Jesus. Like my friend, we feel people will be insulted or offended or we will say the wrong thing if we share our faith. But I believe this is not entirely true. Scriptures tell us that some people will be offended. There will always be those who are offended, but my own experience is that if people find you to be a loving person who seems to be growing and changing in good ways --- then they will be interested in knowing about why you claim Jesus and why you follow him. Since I know lots of you here are loving and good people, ***I know you have the opportunity to let your own story be part of sharing Jesus.*** Instead of shying away from God-talk, let's encourage each other to believe that we are sharing a relationship others will find life-giving. PLPC is a great place for people to find Jesus and a loving community who serve him. Pray for God to show you where and when to speak, and then get ready for opportunities to come, because God will be excited to have the chance to share through you.

In Christ,

Cindy

Worship Leader	Greet (& Serve)	Usher	Communion
September 10 – Dave Nock	Cat & Laura Bradford	Chad Barton & Justin Greene	
September 17 – David Sadler	Florence Nkosi & Phil Hereford	Terry Culp & Megan Sadler	
September 24 – Mike Howard	Valerie Barton & Leesa Fields	Ollie & Dyeann Hildebrand	

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 July 2017	\$13,023.81
Expenses during July 2017	\$18,202.53
Net Operating Income for July 2017	-\$5,178.82
Year to Date Income Received through 7/31/17	\$97,796.24
Year to Date Expenses through 7/31/17	\$99,923.53
Net Operating Income through 7/31/17	-\$2,127.29

ACCOUNTS BALANCES:

Money in Checking at 7/31/17		\$21,802.40
General Funds	-\$4,460.57	
Missions Funds	\$6,217.43	
Designated Accounts	\$20,045.54	
Money in Savings at 7/31/17		\$29,533.86
A/C Fund	\$4,400.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$5,075.00	
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	\$2,498.86	

September 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	2 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Iglesia – Conference Room – 10:00
3 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 2:30	4 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	5 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin	6 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	7 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	8 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	9 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
10 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Johnson Baby Shower – following Worship Stated Session Mtg. – 12:15 Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 2:30 WALK – 5:00	11 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	12 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin	13 Bible Study – 9:15 Choir Practice - 7:00	14 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	15 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	16 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30
17 Lectionary Class – 9:00 Sunday School – 9:00 Seekers Class – 9:00 Worship Service – 10:15 Project J.O.Y. – set up gym Iglesia Apostolica De La Fe En Christo Jesus Service 2:30	18 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	19 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45 YAM – 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous – 7:30 – Cabin	20 Bible Study – 9:15 WALK – 6:00 Choir Practice - 7:00	21 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	22 Max Scruggs Karate – 4:45	23 Church Cleanup Day – 9:00 Watercrest Townhomes Annual Mtg. – 9:00 Max Scruggs Karate – 9:30 Project J.O.Y. workday – 10:00
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We announce with joy and thanksgiving the arrival of Klinton Claire Greene, who was born August 21 at 12:31pm weighing in at 7.9 pounds and measuring 20 inches long. Congratulations to parents Justin and Sarah, BIG sister Karter and the entire family! God is so good!! Thanks be to God!

Priest Lake Presbyterian receives \$10,000 matching gift for Kenya school



Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, whose members are building a school in the remote village of Bodoi, Kenya, has received a matching funds gift in the amount of \$10,000 for all donations collected by Labor Day 2017. The anonymous gift was announced July 18 by the church treasurer.

The gift comes during a fundraising campaign as church members work to raise the remaining \$20,000 to complete phase one of the school construction. The Angaza Nuru School is projected to open January 2018; a team from PLPC plans to travel to Kenya in

January for the event.



THANK YOU. "Too small words for such a big feeling. Your *kindness* really made a difference Your *thoughtfulness* really touched my heart ...The *gratitude* I feel really can't be put into words."

God Bless
You!

Dear PLPC Members and Staff,

Our family would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the food, flowers, cards, visits and expressions of kindness during our loss of Steve. We have been sincerely touched and feel your love surrounding us.

It is so comforting to know how he touched lives and how much he will be missed by all who knew him. All of you are so special to us and your love will continue to sustain us.

May God bless,
The Greene Family



PLPC's Annual Labor Day BBQ was Monday, September 4th.

Priest Lake Presbyterian Church hosted our annual Labor Day BBQ. We had a great attendance this year with 103 folks attending. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon eating ribs, pulled pork, chicken, all the fixins' and everyone's company. Dixieland Jazz Band provided top notch music. The Music City Dixieland Band is now in its 18th year. The band played in honor of George Harper who played clarinet in the band many years. The annual event brought in \$1,020.00.



**Baby Shower for Nesha Johnson
Sunday, September 10th**

We have another little one on the way!

Nesha is a young woman that participated in our youth group. As a first-time mom, she is starting from scratch on a nursery for a baby boy. She needs everything!

Let's get this little boy off to a good start. Join us for a celebration and light lunch. For questions or to help with food, please contact Nancy Loudermilk @ 615-939-2717 or by email at nancyloudermilk@tds.net.



A church clean-up day will be on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 9:00 am. Most of the tasks will be light clean up. This includes touch up painting, sweeping, dusting and wiping down areas, reorganization of the storage room and light weeding outside. If you are interested in helping, just show up at the church. If you would like more information, please speak to Justin.

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 6, September 20, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15 and November 29.



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 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19, December 3 and December 17.

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).



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

Our 19th annual mission trip to Appalachia to serve the people of Harlan, Kentucky is quickly approaching and October 28th will be here before we know it! Project J.O.Y. has many parts, and the efforts of many individuals and small churches are needed to support this economically disadvantaged area of our region. Different elements of this mission appeal to different people, but all parts come together with the common goal of improving the lives of children and families in this formerly thriving coal mining area. Your help is needed in the following areas:

- **Work Days** – Preparation for this trip begins several weeks before the trucks hit the road. We need help setting-up tables, organizing/filling learning bags, sorting and labeling clothes, and prepping food & other donations. Please follow e-mail and our Facebook page (Project J.O.Y. of Tennessee) for additional info:
 - September 17th – Start setting-up work area in half of the gym.
 - September 23rd & 30th + October 7th, 14th, and 21st – We will work these *Saturdays*.
 - September 24th + October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd -We will work these *Sundays* after church.
 - October 25th - Load trucks and clean-up gym.
- **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. It must be very hard as a parent to send your children off to school and know that they haven't had a bath or their clothes need to be washed. And how hard is it for the children to go to school knowing they will be made fun of for not being clean?
- **Clothing** – These basic 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!
- **Hotel Reservations** -- We'd love to have you join us on the trip! We will have a reserved block of rooms at the Comfort Inn. Call the Comfort Inn at 606-573-3385 and reserve your room for the night of **Friday, October 27th** with your credit card. The rooms are currently held under the group name Project J.O.Y. Also, please let us know if you are interested in sharing a room to offset costs.

All food, toiletries, clothing, and learning bag donations must be at PLPC by October 1st.

If you have any questions or want to get involved, 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, Fred Dahlman, or Pastor Cindy.



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