

# The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

FEBRUARY

2016

Dear Pierce Park Family,

Over the last few weeks on Sunday morning we have been looking at total surrender. One of the ways you can measure the level of surrender in your life is to look at our love for the Lord. The Bible says "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." John 14:15. How Is Your Love for Jesus?

In many passages in the Bible and using a variety of terms, we as believers are commanded to love and serve the Lord with our whole hearts. That's a tall order and the thought of that alone should, at the very least, prompt us to pause and ask the question: "Am I really doing that?" My fear is that the words in the Bible, sometimes all too familiar, aren't even read in their entirety so the question is never asked.

When Jesus wrote to the church at Ephesus, He told them that they had forsaken their first love. Who would have known? Ephesus was a dynamic church, and in many ways she was living totally for Christ in that city. Outwardly, she gave all appearance of everything right in her relationship with the Lord. I suspect that prior to this letter, if she were asked, she would have said the same thing "we're living totally for the Lord." Jesus knew better. She had left her first love and needed to repent and return.

What can happen in a church can happen in an individual believer's life. Loving devotion to Christ can be lost in the midst of active service. Revelation 2:4 "But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love," is telling us that no amount of orthodoxy, no amount of correct doctrine, no amount of work can make up for a failure to maintain that love for Jesus.

The hymn writer Robert Robinson's wrote these words in the hymn,

## **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Those words could just as easily be mine or yours.  
How is your love for Jesus?

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill



The Prayer Team  
meets on Wednesday  
at 5:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome  
to join us.

## PRAYER TEAM

Pierce Park is blessed with an awesome Prayer Team! If you would like to be added to the email prayer list, Lori Young needs your email address. We would also love to have you join the group that meets on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to pray in silence or out loud over the requests that are submitted and other known needs. If you have a prayer concern and would like to have the team pray for you, please contact:

**John Hotchkiss** 208-336-5620 w7cni@yahoo.com

**Lori Young** 208-863-7382 lyoung9463@hotmail.com

## LADIES FEBRUARY BRUNCH



Date: February 6<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Marie Callender's  
8574 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

For more information contact Laura Johnson or Gail Mullin.

## THANK YOU

Our kitchen has new paint and dishwashers thanks to Steve and Nick Gibson. And, new flooring thanks to Bud Sprague. It looks awesome!

## LABOR IN LOVE WEEK

Monday, February 8, 2016

### Cynthia Mann Elementary School and Pierce Park Elementary School

Volunteers to make baked goods for the school staff

Volunteers to deliver and set-up/clean up snacks at the schools:

Early morning/Afternoon

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

### IDAHO FOOD BANK

1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.

(Need to arrive 10-15 minutes early)

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

### L.A.B.O.R. TALKS (Love Abounds Beyond Our Reach)

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 12, 2016

### LOVE ABOUNDS BANQUET

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 12, 2016

### LOVE ABOUNDS BANQUET-VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Kitchen/cooking

Setup

Serving

Clean up

February 8th—12th

### LABOR IN LOVE WEEK-SERVICE PROJECTS AT PPBC

Monday-Friday (Find details on table in hallway).

## THE AMAZING RACE

Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. The balance of our church loan was \$22,400.52 on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We can pay this off before the end of 2016 if we all work together. If you have a question as to which team you are on or if you aren't on a team and would like to be included, please see Shirley Tinstman, Fred O'Brien or Chris Johnson. The teams are also posted in the office hallway.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Date: Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 8:30 a.m.  
 Place: Abundant Life Church  
 3633 W. Floating Feather Road, Eagle

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

The February  
 business meeting  
 will be on  
 Sunday,  
 February 21<sup>st</sup>  
 following  
 the morning  
 worship service.

## IRONMEN-MEN'S GROUP



IronMen-Men's Group meets every other Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. Join us at The Original Pancake House 5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise. Mark your calendar for the February dates: 2/2 & 2/16. We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

## FEBRUARY POTLUCK



Our monthly potluck will be on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a side dish or salad. Last names beginning with I - P, please bring a dessert. Last names beginning with Q - Z, please bring a main dish. Volunteers needed for set-up and clean up. Please contact Kevin Chipman.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2/2 Debbie Anderson  
 2/4 Chuck Anderson  
 2/8 Roxie Olmstead  
 2/11 Cathy Hopkins  
 2/18 Judy Hogue

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“Bringing the Joy Within to the World Without”



**PPBC WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

9:00 am Worship Team  
9:30 am Fellowship Time  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

**Tuesday**

6:30 am IronMen-Men's Group  
Every other week we meet at:  
The Original Pancake House  
5900 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

**Wednesday**

5:00 pm Dinner  
5:30 pm Prayer Time  
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice  
6:15 pm Pioneer Clubs (K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
6:15 pm Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill

**Thursday**

10:30 am Ladies-"Coffee & Conversation"