

# The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

August

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Dear Pierce Park Family,

Think about the Bible, God's Word. Then ask yourselves some questions. How well do I know it? Do I memorize the bible? Do I have it hidden in my heart as the psalmist says? Psalms 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

I share this article by Scott Slayton to encourage us to memorize God's Holy Word, our kids on Wednesday night are doing just that at Kids Zone, maybe we can learn from them and do the something.

## Eight Passages Every Christian Should Memorize

Though I didn't come to faith in Christ until I was in college, I grew up going to church multiple times a week. One of the things that stands out from the Sunday School teachers I had and conversations I overheard was the amount of Scripture many of these faithful Christians had memorized. As I started out in my Christian life I didn't see the importance of Scripture memory and therefore didn't learn many basic passages of Scripture Christians need to know. It took a few years after becoming a believer to realize I didn't know many of the passages of Scripture more mature believers referred to most often.

The Psalmist said, "Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Memorizing and meditating on God's word provides fuel for our growth as Christians. Sometimes when we face discouragement or temptation we remember a word we have memorized and it is exactly what we need in that moment to encourage us or give us strength. In evangelistic conversations or times when you are discipling another believer you often don't have time to flip around and try to find a passage of Scripture. When you have devoted yourself to scripture memory, you already have it and are able to speak it as part of normal conversation. Many believers don't know where to start when they are memorizing the Bible, so here are eight passages that are central to understanding the message of the Bible and the basics of the Christian life. While there are many more Bible verses to memorize, these eight provide a great starting point.

## The Ten Commandments

For most of my childhood I saw plaques of the Ten Commandments on people's walls next to their pictures of Jesus and Bear Bryant. The plaque always looked the same. They had to tablets on each side and the commandments were listed with Roman numerals. When we turn to [Exodus 20:1-17](#) in our Bibles though we don't see the commandments listed in this way. They begin with a word about God's redemptive act of rescuing them from slavery in Egypt and then tells them what it looks like to live as his people in the world. Memorizing the Ten Commandments will remind us of our need for the grace found in Jesus Christ and give us guidance for living the Christian life.

## Psalm 1

The [first Psalm](#) offers a glimpse into the practices of the godly person and the attendant blessings that come from walking this way. The Psalmist shows the blessed man does not walk according the course of the world, but meditates on the law of God day and night. Since it is always day or night, this serves as a wonderful reminder to stay immersed in the Lord's word. Then he shows that the result of separation from the world and meditation on the truth is a stable, fruit bearing life which is constantly nourished by the flowing streams of God's word.

## Psalm 23

While we could point to many passages of Scripture that remind us of the character of God, this Psalm has encouraged and helped many Christians throughout the centuries. [Psalm 23](#) points to the lovingkindness of God our shepherd who feeds, guides, and cares for his people. Also, familiarity with this Psalm helps us to better understand Ezekiel 34's promise of God's shepherd who is come and Jesus' claim to be the Good Shepherd who will lay down his life for the sheep.

## The Beatitudes

Jesus' words at the opening of the Sermon on the Mount show us the true, inner character of the Christian. Each of the eight beatitudes in [Matthew 5:1-12](#) begin with a statement of blessing upon the people who embody and certain virtue and then it names the blessing. Memorizing and mediating on these verses will remind us that Christian virtue begins in the heart and permeates every aspect of our lives.

## The Lord's Prayer

Many Christians struggle with knowing how to pray. Thankfully Jesus told us, "pray then in this way." Jesus' model prayer provides us a framework for understanding how we can pray. Each petition shows us something we should praise God for, thank God for, or ask God for. As you memorize [Matthew 6:5-15](#), use each phrase to lead you into a time of prayer.

## Romans 3:21-26

Few passages of Scripture summarize the heart of the Christian message like this [important paragraph](#) from Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul reminds us we have sinned, we cannot work for our salvation, and Jesus died to bring us back to God. Paul emphasizes Jesus' death as a substitution for our sins and that Jesus' death vindicates the righteous character of the God who saves.

## 1 Corinthians 13

We often hear the "[love chapter](#)" at weddings, but this is not its immediate context. Chapters 12 and 14 deal with the role of spiritual gifts within the church and Paul shows the character of love to remind us that that we cannot exercise our spiritual gifts in a way that is not fueled by love. The application spreads from spiritual gifts to our other relationships as we remember that everything we do must be done in love.

## The Armor of God

Christians face spiritual opposition every day from the world, the flesh, and the devil. When we think about the devil's lies and accusations, we often find ourselves at a loss for how to defend ourselves. Paul instructs Christians in [Ephesians 6:10-20](#) to put on the full armor of God to help us stand against the schemes of the evil one. Each piece of the Christian armor shows us how the truths of the Gospel protects us in the battles we encounter. This is not a complete list of every passage a Christian should memorize, but it provides a great start for the Christian wanting to learn the basics of the Christian message and the Christian life. It's possible I missed an important passage, what other passages would you say every Christian needs to memorize?

Let's all take the challenge and memorize Gods word

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 w7cnl@yahoo.com

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

## LADIES AUGUST BRUNCH



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

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Marie Callender's

8574 W. Fairview Ave., Boise

For more information contact Laura Johnson or Gail Mullin.

## ANNUAL YARD SALE



Date: Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Please bring all yard sale items to the Youth Room  
by Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers needed, please sign up at the Welcome Center.**

## ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Date: Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30 a.m.—12:30 a.m.

Please donate school supplies, backpacks or monetary donations!

**Volunteers needed, please sign up at the Welcome Center.**

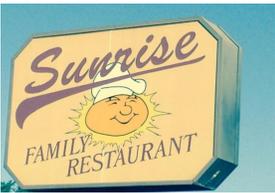
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**



There will not be a Men's Breakfast in August. We will meet again on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

**IRONMEN-MEN'S GROUP**



IronMen-Men's Group meets every other Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. Join us at the Sunrise Café Restaurant 7135 W. State Street, Boise Mark your calendar for the August dates: 8/2, 8/16 & 8/30.

We meet for a devotional, fellowship and a meal.

**POTLUCK PICNIC LUNCH**



We will have our next potluck on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a side dish or salad.  
 Last names beginning with I - P, please bring dessert.  
 Last names beginning with Q - Z, please bring a main dish.  
 Volunteers needed for set-up and clean up. Please contact Kevin Chipman.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

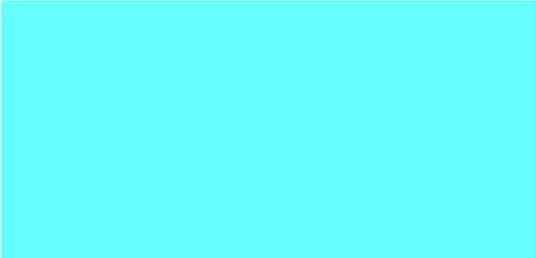


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| 8/3  | Effie Walker      | 8/14 | Sandra Harms  |
| 8/4  | Kenneth Inzer     | 8/22 | Tania Duncan  |
| 8/5  | Joseph Gibson     | 8/24 | Olivia Mullin |
| 8/7  | Carolyn Hotchkiss | 8/25 | Bess Turk     |
| 8/7  | Bill Young        | 8/26 | Tom Sievers   |
| 8/12 | Victor Rutter     | 8/28 | Russ Knapp    |

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Love God. Love People. Bring the Joy.

**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**

10:00 am Prayer/Visitation  
11:00 am IronMen-Men's Group  
Every other week we meet at:  
Sunrise Restaurant  
7135 W. State Street, Boise

**Wednesday**

5:00 pm Dinner  
5:30 pm Prayer Time  
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice  
6:00 pm Kids Zone (K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill