

The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

JUNE

2015

Dear Pierce Park Family,

The latest Barna survey found that nearly six out of ten Christians either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed with the statement that Satan "is not a living being but is a symbol of evil."

The Bible says in Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Do you believe that Satan is real? Guys, we are at war! It's a spiritual war we are in. Some may not believe this, but it's true. As the verse above say, we need to be prepared for the battle that is at hand. In Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV) the Bible speaks about The Armor of God. ¹⁰"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

There is a story told of a young demon who came to Satan one day. He wanted to impress the devil with his ability to carry out the master's will. "I have a strategy that will keep Christians from following God," he said. "I'll convince them there is no God." Satan just smiled and wished the young demon success. A few days later, the demon returned dejected, his face downcast. "I couldn't get many Christians to believe there's no God," he admitted. But then he brightened and added, "However, I've got a better idea. I'll convince them there's no heaven!" Again Satan smiled and sent the eager demon on his way. After another few days, the demon returned once more with defeat written all over him. "I don't understand it," he told the Evil One. "What am I doing wrong? What's the secret of subverting Christians?" Satan, who had been waiting for that moment, put his arm around the young intern's shoulders and explained, "Son, you can't succeed by trying to get them to deny the foundations of their faith. That's much too obvious an approach, and they'll reject it every time. I've been most successful over these many years by convincing them there's no need to hurry in living out their faith. I simply keep getting them to wait."

That's exactly what Satan has done in many of our Christian families. He's made us into master procrastinators. We wait to strengthen and nurture our marriages, and they crumble before our eyes. We ignore the discipline and spiritual training of our children, and then wonder why they don't have an interest in the things of the Lord. We always think there's more time—there will be enough time tomorrow when we are not so tired or we've finished that important project or our schedules are less frantic and more accommodating. And we play right into the devil's hands. We need to seize the day. We need to quit putting off until tomorrow the things we should be doing today. It's a matter of priorities. The fact is that we always make time for the things that are most important to us, whether or not we understand that's what we're doing. Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV) says ¹⁵"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Let us be ready and make the most of the days the Lord has given us.

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 BRUNCH



Date: June 6th

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Golden Corral Buffet
8460 W. Emerald Street, Boise

For more information contact Laura Johnson, Gail Mullin or Amy Hardy.

LADIES-SUMMER SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Ladies-As our "Coffee & Conversation" group takes a break for the summer, join us in the Summer Scripture Memory Verse Challenge. Each week during the summer we will have different scripture verses for you to memorize.

Week 1 (June 4th)

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Week 2 (June 11th)

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

John 14:21

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Week 3 (June 18th)

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Week 4 (June 25th)

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

THE AMAZING RACE

Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. The balance of our church loan was \$107, 984.00 on May 26th. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Date: Saturday, June 13th
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Place: Abundant Life Church
 3633 W. Floating Feather Road, Eagle
 Sign up at the Welcome Center.

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 June dates: 6/9 and 6/23. We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

The June business meeting will be on Sunday, June 21st following the morning worship service.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR PIERCE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For the month of May we will be collecting the following items for the Pierce Park Elementary School's Food Pantry:
 Breakfast Cereal
 and Canned Fruit (in natural juice or light syrup).

JUNE POTLUCK

Sunday, June 28th 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

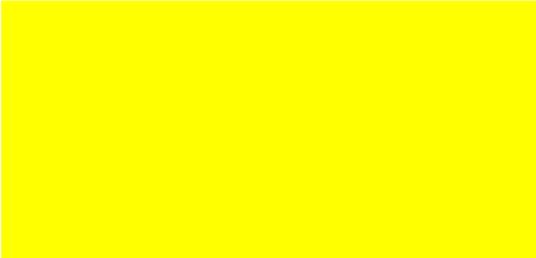


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| 6/ 6 | Darryl Anderson | 6/16 | Linda Williams |
| 6/10 | Della Chipman | 6/17 | Marlin Kleinert |
| 6/13 | Corrine Inzer | 6/18 | Laura Cole |
| 6/15 | Sandy Knapp | 6/21 | Bill Dorminy |
| 6/16 | Stephen Park | | |

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“Bringing the Joy Within to the World Without”



PPBC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday
8:30 am Worship Team
9:30 am Fellowship Time
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday
5:30 pm Prayer Time
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill

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