

The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

JULY

2015

Dear Pierce Park Family,

In light of the Supreme Court ruling last week we need to focus on the Lord Jesus Christ. Over the month of June, I preached on spiritual warfare and that's what this battle is really over. A pastor friend, Shaun Matakoto, penned this letter and says it best.

The Scriptures say: "For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the UNSEEN WORLD, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." (Eph 6:12 NLT)

In other words, there is something more at play here. We have made the wrong entity our enemy. People aren't the problem; sin is the problem. Those that choose to act in a manner that is inconsistent with biblical teaching HAVE A RIGHT TO DO SO. Is there any among us who have not done the same in one way or another? ("All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23.) As Christians, we tend to rush to a judgment that does not belong to us. Sin, ALL SIN, is sin against God and His Word. That also means punishing sin ultimately belongs to God. We can speculate on what Jesus would do but it is still speculation. If we take the time to FULLY examine the Scriptures, we can know for sure what He actually DID do. What He did do was to leave the judgment, or condemnation, up to the Father while He was here on the earth. Remember, "He did not come to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17). Now, the Father certainly has shown that He has, can and will bring judgment according to His Word and will against ANY and ALL sin. We saw in the flood, a judgment on sinners; we saw in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, a judgment on sinners.

We see yet another future judgment in Revelation 20:11-15 (ESV) "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." This is once again a judgment on sinners.

Sinners make a choice, always a choice. Most don't even realize that this is a choice given to them by the same One who will judge them. The time is coming very soon my beloved when the question will no longer be "What Would Jesus Do?", but rather "What is Jesus Going to Do!" We are called to live in this world but to clearly be apart from it. We should not celebrate sin nor recognize it for anything other than what it is. What that means to me anyway is that we need to do a better job of getting on God's side of the argument and let Him do the battling. We cannot defeat these principalities in our own strength through protests, whining and complaining. As long as God chooses to wait to execute His final battle against all evil, evil will continue to exist and will grow stronger in this world. In the meantime, I'd like to see more Christians get on their knees, literally, before God and pray for those in need of mercy, grace and forgiveness (that, of course, includes us). Shaun's word said what's in my heart, but so much better than what I could pen. Let's draw close to the Lord, share His love and be about our Master's work.

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: July 4th

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 5 (July 2nd)

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Week 6 (July 9th)

Matthew 4:19

"Come, follow me" Jesus said "and I will make you fishers of men."

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jews, then for the Gentile.

Week 7 (July 16th)

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Week 8 (July 23rd)

Romans 6:23

For the wage of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:27-28

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

THE AMAZING RACE

Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. The balance of our church loan was \$102,891.00 on June 30th. 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, July 11th
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Place: Pierce Park Baptist Church
 5350 N. Pierce Park Lane
 Sign up at the Welcome Center.

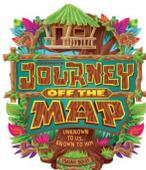
IRONMEN-MEN'S GROUP



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: 7/7 and 7/21. We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

The July business meeting will be on Sunday, July 19th following the morning worship service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-JOURNEY OFF THE MAP



Dates: July 13th—17th
 Time: 6:00—8:00 p.m.
 More volunteers needed. If you are able to help, please contact Stephanie Park.

JULY POTLUCK

Sunday, July 26th following the worship service.
 Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a dessert.
 Last names beginning with I - P, please bring a main dish.
 Last names beginning with Q - Z, please bring a side dish or salad.
 Volunteers needed for set-up and clean up. Please contact Kevin Chipman.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

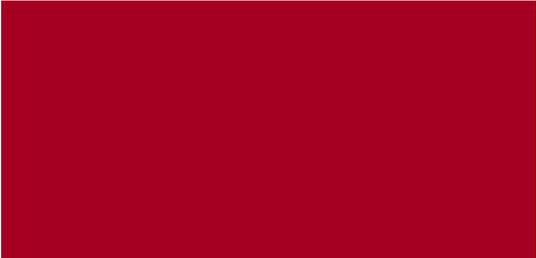


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| 7/1 | Chuck Scholler | 7/17 | Mike Turk |
| 7/3 | Evonne Barnes | 7/20 | June Hanson |
| 7/5 | Mary Coberly | 7/21 | Mitch Berger |
| 7/10 | Lois Lunday | 7/26 | Laura Johnson |
| 7/11 | Colby Inzer | 7/27 | Bob Barnes |
| 7/15 | Mary Garner | 7/30 | Joy Whiteman |
| 7/15 | Steve Gibson | 7/31 | Gloria Kleinert |
| 7/17 | Ken Hogue | | |

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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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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