

# The Proclaimer

Pierce Park Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER

2015

Dear Pierce Park Family,

Soon we will celebrate Labor Day. Many like to use the time to rest from work – but, hey, it's also a good time to reflect on how important work is. The following thoughts on the Biblical understanding of work come from John Ortberg's book, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*.

The Biblical writers tell us what God does in a single phrase: He works. Leland Ryken notes that Christianity is quite unique in this regard. The ancient Greeks, for instance, viewed the gods as being above work. Mount Olympus was a kind of divine Palm Springs where, aside from hurling the occasional thunderbolt, Zeus and his associates lived in Leisure World. In sharp contrast to that way, the Bible says in Genesis 1:1-5, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day."

God is particularly active in working with people. The psalmist says in Psalm 112:4 "Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" God is always guiding and protecting his flock. When Jesus came to earth, He came as a worker. In fact, for most of His adult life He worked as a carpenter. Jesus leaves no doubt that He works. In John 5:17 "but He answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I myself am working.'"

God is described in the Bible by many metaphors that involve work: He is a gardener, an artist, a potter, a shepherd, a king, a homemaker, and a builder.

"The God of the Bible," writes Paul Minear, "is pre-eminently a worker." He is highly interested in, understands the joy of, and is deeply committed to work. This is significant because at the climax of the creation story we are told "the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." Genesis 2:7

You are a work of God! And because you were made in God's image, you were also created to do work. You were made to create, lead, study, organize, heal, cultivate, or teach. So let's use what the Lord has given us to *love and honor Him, and serve Him!* Is it not worth devoting our best energy to? *We are on a mission from God!*

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: September 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: PPBC Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share.

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

## LADIES-COFFEE & CONVERSATION



Ladies, join us starting next Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, for our weekly "Coffee & Conversation" at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our goal will be 45 boxes this year.

Kick-off Sunday will be 10-11-5. Boxes will be collected thru 11-15-15. This is a good time of year to get school supplies to include in your boxes. Please remember to pray for the little child that will be receiving your shoeboxes and actually all the children around the world. Many are suffering during these times of famine, war, destruction, and many are now orphans. Jesus loves the little children, ALL the children of the world. More information to come on Kick-off Sunday.

I will need a helper this year. If interested, please contact Sara Barnes 375-2406. Thank you!

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

Starting on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner

5:30-6:30 pm Prayer Time

6:15-7:30 pm Pioneer Clubs (K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

6:15-7:30 pm Youth Group (Experiencing God Study)

6:30-7:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill



## THE AMAZING RACE

Thanks to all who have been giving. God will bless you for it. The balance of our church loan was \$93,120.30 on August 24<sup>th</sup>. 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, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 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 September dates: 9/1, 9/15 & 9/29. We meet for a devotional, fellowship and breakfast.

The September business meeting will be on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.

## SEPTEMBER POTLUCK



Sunday, September 27<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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|------|----------------|------|-------------------|
| 9/4  | Lori Young     | 9/12 | Myrtle Trevethick |
| 9/8  | Chris Johnson  | 9/14 | Ann Walch         |
| 9/10 | Breanna Gibson | 9/17 | Amy Hardy         |
| 9/11 | Traevin Hardy  | 9/25 | Jerry Barnes      |

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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  
6:15 pm Pioneer Clubs (K-6th Grade)  
6:15 pm Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)  
6:30 pm Groundwork with Pastor Bill

**Thursday**

10:30 am Ladies-”Coffee & Conversation”