Tidings of Peace

2023



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

For years we have been praying for revival to sweep our land with saving faith and hearts and minds that more reflect the Love and goodness of God. As many of you know, reports of revival went viral out of Asbury University in Wilmore Kentucky earlier last month. It's hard to assess such things, especially since Asbury comes from a tradition that strives to initiate revival. However, we know God can do great things and while we are hopeful, we consider such reports with a spirit of discernment. One of our own EPC pastors paid a visit to the campus of Asbury University recently and I thought it would be edifying to read his report. This comes from Pastor Ed Bowman from Ohio. Ed writes:

So, I drove down to Wilmore Kentucky to visit Hughes Chapel at Asbury University Saturday. Why go? I had commented elsewhere concerning the pros & cons usually accompanying public displays of a religious nature. They were having one. It seemed appropriate then to visit the place where it was purported to be experiencing a revival. Five family members went with me. First allow me some freedom in describing what many think revival is. The Bible speaks variously concerning this spiritual event.

For example, the psalmist in Ps. 86:6 prays, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Here the point is rejoicing in the Lord. And in Isaiah 57:15, the prophet explains God's divine role in revival saying, "Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the

lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Here it is for the lifting up of the contrite & lowly) in a spiritual awakening. And in Hebrews 12 we have a description of a beleaguered church encouraged to "Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint." Certainly, they were a tired church, tired and in need of reviving. Even the Old Testament displays when God revives the spiritual life of his people

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Sam. 6, 2 Chron. 29, Ezra 9-10).

It is true that the Bible doesn't clearly define what is a revival proper. Several respected theologians give their insights that seem helpful. For example, J. I. Packer defined revival as "God's quickening visitation of his people, touching their hearts and deepening his work of grace in their lives." Two others wrote, "It may be that what we classify as revival, the apostles understood as the church's expected posture toward God, one another, and the world around them.

From the Pastor... Continued

. If so, then we might understand revivals as times when Christians remember and embrace their calling by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit."

Now for my takeaway from our trip to Kentucky. What we observed was remarkable. I have reviewed many past revivals, even so-called non-biblical revivals in my 50+ years as a pastor & a disciple of Jesus. What I observed was far different from man-made & ecstatic revivalism.

We arrived in the small community being added to a long caravan of vehicles. Closer to downtown long lines stretching multiple blocks had formed about 2-3 folks abreast slowly walking towards the campus. There was a very quiet atmosphere so that conversations could be heard taking place only as seemed necessary.

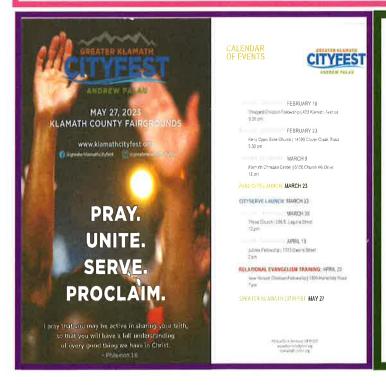
Once we drove onto campus, we began to hear respectful & united singing of songs & hymns. Closer to Hughes Chapel the crowd grew to innumerable; perhaps 1,000+ at the front entrance alone. People were praying in small circular groups or singing or having conversations but not in a disorderly or confusing way. There were even public port-a-potties with long lines all being patient. We had to drive more than a mile to find parking. My two sons went into the crowd having arrived before us to observe for me. While there we saw an oddity or two (that I won't describe here since it isn't essential to the larger gathering) only that it appeared oddly out of context. There was the public reading of Scripture with accompanying prayer and a message coming from within the chapel. Getting inside was impossible. Authorities surely were monitoring crowd size in a public (restricted) building. The university placed a very large screen displaying the events in the chapel so those outside were connected.

I suppose time will measure the impact of this event as it has others like it in history. Are lives being changed? Seemingly so but time will tell. Was God being glorified? Definitely yes!

My takeaway is that whatever is (was) happening there seems unique. Gospel preaching of repentance & faith, confession of sin, the public reading of Scripture, prayers of various kinds (as regards to faith, repentance, the holy Spirits presence, ext.) were observed. There was a seemingly unique quiet & gentle spirit evident everywhere, even among the local residents who voluntarily offered help to us. There was no arguing, quarreling, or public disturbance that we noticed in the short time we were there. And that was satisfying to me. Each of us departed with the sense of having been in the presence of something uniquely holy.

Thanks, Pastor Ed, for your report. I found this report encouraging. It's a great reminder that God is alive, He is near to us and searches the earth diligently to strongly support those whose hearts completely belong to Him. May He find our hearts so oriented.

Blessings to you in Christ our Lord, Pastor Aaron



SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ts at 9 am to 12 pm



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

If you have any questions contact Jim Zeller at 541-274-1942

"Let's Shop"

Mission and Deacons are coordinating a shopping trip to Walmart on March 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. to purchase the following clothing needs for students at Stearns School: Underwear, Socks, Sweatpants, and Tennis Shoes.

You are invited to join us. We will meet at the Walmart South entrance.

After our shopping adventure we will meet at the Red Rooster for lunch.

If you have any questions contact Vicki Zeller.

Small Group Schedules

Sermon-Based Small Groups Quarter 2

Women's Group:

Mondays 10:00-12:00, Church Fireside Room

Goode's Group:

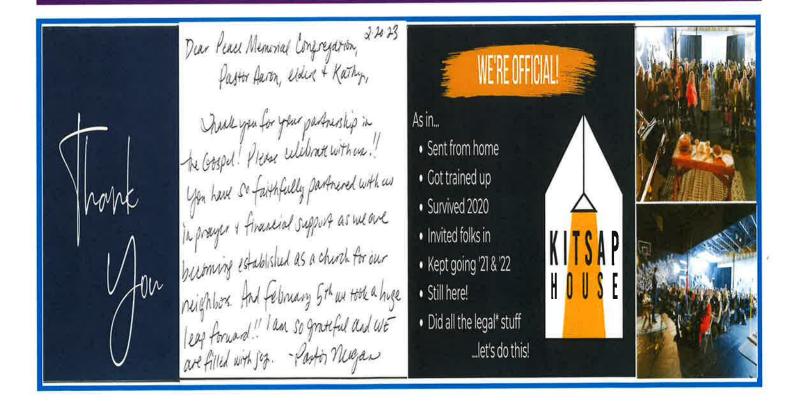
Tuesdays 3:00-5:00, Stephen and Sharron Goode's home

King's Group:

Tuesdays 3:00-5:00, Paul and Joyce King's home

Men's Group:

Wednesdays 11:30-1:30, Waffle Hut



March Birthdays

22nd Rodney Todd 28th Vickie Zeller

March Anniversaries 17th George & Sheryl Keady

Stewardship & Finance Committee

January 2023

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income: \$12,236.00

Operating Expenses: \$14,947.51

Monthly Net:..... (\$ 2,711.51)

YTD /Net:..... (\$ 2,711.51)

Checking 1/31/23:..... \$59,735.26

Money Market 1/31/23:\$64,506.04

Expenses in January beyond regular operations: Federal and state quarterly taxes, building insurance, office computer and software, Presbytery expense and continuing education.

We have several projects coming up in the near future such as the demolition of the Sexton House, new flooring for the men's restroom, and new music stands which will use appropriate funding from the money market savings account. Thank you all for your continued support for Peace Church.

Blessings to All!

Kathy Todd

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

February 3, 2023

16th Meeting Highlights

Our winter meeting of Presbytery took place on January 27th at Parkway Presbyterian Church Tacoma, WA. The one-day meeting had a limited number of exams, an hour of teaching focus and several committee reports. While Presbyters missed more opportunities for fellowship, many were grateful to have all day Saturday to return to their homes.

TE Michael Wey (EPC Presbytery of Central South) led the Friday morning devotions from 2 Corinthians 4:7—12 and was later examined and approved for membership by our Presbytery. Rev. Wey has accepted a Call as Pastor of the Evergreen Church in Graham, WA.

In addition to the examination of a new Teaching Elder, Presbytery also examined two individuals to come Under Care of our Presbytery. We welcomed Mr. Preston Conger who is member of Christ Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID, and Mr. Michael Meadows who is a member of Living Waters EPC, Wendall, ID, into our candidate care process.

One of the highlights of our meeting was the teaching focus led by TE Aaron Beaty of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls, OR. Aaron reinforced our learning concerning Biblical reconciliation by speaking on "Idols and Antidotes." Our Presbytery Reconciliation Team has been busy since its formation last year and they have witnessed some wonderful relationship miracles. To find out more about the Reconciliation Team, you may contact Aaron through our Presbytery website: epcpnw.org.

The main highlight of the meeting was the vote to approve the petition of Kitsap House, Port Orchard to become a localized church of our Presbytery. Essentially, "localized" means that as a church plant, they were considered a Mission Church with a supervising Session. Now they are a full member church of our Presbytery with their own elected church officers.

Presbytery also approved the report of Council which provided a more detailed nominating process and information on where to find specific job descriptions and annual performance reviews for Presbytery Officers.

Presbytery approved the retirements of three Teaching Elders: TE Lance Williamson (Evergreen Church, Graham, WA) and TE Phil Moran (Christ Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID). Presbytery also was able to recognize the retirement of TE Jeff Jeremiah who had taken time away after he retired as Stated Clerk of our denomination.

Our meeting concluded with a wonderful time of worship led by TE Bill Heming and the Parkway congregation.

Dr. Edward Cummings

Dr. Edward M. Cummings, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest



Sunday Bible Class

The Inheritance of Israel
King Solomon and the Golden Age
1 Kings

Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM Church Fireside Room

Join Pastor Aaron as we continue the journey through the Old Testament as God develops the nation of Israel into her inherited covenant promises. Last quarter finished up the reign of King David from 2 Samuel and now we pick up with David's son Solomon as he takes the throne and heralds in the golden age of Israel as recounted in 1 Kings.

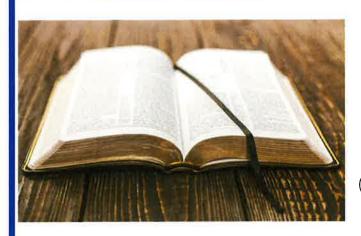
Our discussion guide will be emailed out to the congregation the previous week. If you are NOT on our email mailing list and would like to receive the discussion guide, please text or email pastor Aaron at (208) 949-5431, or pastoraaronepc@yahoo.com

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

4TH Wednesday of the month @ 12:30 in the Fireside Room

The Women's Missionary Group has settled on "His Last Words" what Jesus taught and prayed in His last hours, by Kim Erickson. It impacts the importance of Jesus's last words of eternal life, powerful and full of love. If you've been longing for more intimacy in your relationship with God, more meaning in your life and more boldness in your witness, "His Last Words" will draw you into what you need: The Word of God. Ladies, if you are interested, join our Ladies Bible Study on the 4th Wednesday of the month.





Bible Discovery

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday 1:30

@ Laura Brasser's House

(Call the Church office for details and location (541) 884-5057)

March 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery (106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601)) 2:30pm Peace Ringers practice	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 Communion	6 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside ; Rm)	7 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home) 3:00pm King's Group (King's Home)	8 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery (106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601)) 2:30pm Peace Ringers practice	9 10:30am Missions & Outreach 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	10 Office Closed	11 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 10:30am Worship	13 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside ; Rm) 1:00pm Session	14 10:30am PMWMG Board Mtg 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home) 3:00pm King's Group (King's Home)	15 10:00am Crafts Fellowship 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery (106 Main St, Klamath 2:30pm Peace Ringers practice	16	17 Office Closed	18
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"Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermons for March:

3/5 -Lent II

Great is Your Faithfulness Lamentations 3:1-24

3/12 - Lent III

The Lord is Good Lamentations 3:25-41

3/19 - Lent IV

Do Not Fear!

Lamentations 3:42-66

3/26 - Lent V

The Holy Stones Lie Scattered Lamentations 4:1-22



SESSION/ELDERS

Vicki Zeller

DEACONS

Jocelyn Shellito

Susan Orton

Paul King

Marjorie Divine

The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each month following worship.

Pastor Aaron Beaty-Moderator

Noreen Rhoades-Clerk/ Discipleship

Kathy Todd-Finance & Stewardship

Bob Wincentsen-Discipleship

Geri Coker-Mission and Outreach

Building and Grounds Jim Zeller-

Betty Shaw-Worship

Building and Grounds Stephen Goode-

The Session meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 1-3PM



TRUSTEES

Sharron Goode

Sharon Haddock

Stephen Goode

Harold Heaton