

Tidings of Peace

March



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

In this month's newsletter I am continuing the series on how to make 2022 a great year by focusing in on key teachings of God's Word that lead us into a life that really embraces the substance of our faith. In January, the lesson was how to "Kindle Hope" in God's promises. Last month we looked at how to "Foster Love". This month we are going to look at possibly the most enjoyable of spiritual disciplines: REJOICE!

In Philippians 4, Paul writes:

" Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;"
-Philippians 4:4,5

There are so many verses in the Bible encouraging us and calling us to rejoice- to celebrate and give thanks. Internally and externally, we are to be a people of rejoicing.

I: Celebrate for God is Good!

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

Romans 1:20

"For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they [those who refuse to celebrate Him] are without excuse."

God is good- all the time and all the time, God is

good! The heart of our rejoicing is in WHO GOD IS. God: all knowing, all powerful, everywhere present, completely righteous and while He is just in all His ways, He is slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness. Holy Holy Holy, is the Lord God

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almighty who was and is and is to come! All creation has an indwelling call to celebrate and give honor to God.

Much of Israel's identity revolves around key festivals and rituals. Each event is a celebration of God's Work. From the Pilgrim festivals each year, Passover (celebrating God's deliverance from Egypt), The Feast of Weeks (remembering God's Gift of His Word to Moses), and The Feast of Booths (remembering God's provision in the wilderness and in our daily lives), to the daily and annual sacrificial system and cleanliness rituals, God's nature and works are celebrated with joy and reverence. The people of Israel were called to be a people of rejoicing because of God – and a key part

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of that joy was to remember who God is and what He had done for them.

As Christians- we too are called to rejoice at who God is, and what He has done. We celebrate personally as we remember the truth of His Word and as we celebrate what He has done for us in Jesus Christ. We also rejoice as a body when we worship together and attend to God's Word, as we eat the bread and drink the cup of Communion.

Rejoice and celebrate who God is and what He has done.

II: Give Thanks, for God is With Us!

Psalm 5:11

“But let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.”

The great delight of the faith is not JUST who God is and what He has done, but that He is with us NOW. As the Psalmist puts it: there is gladness and reason for joy or all who take refuge in and love the Lord. Why is that? Paul puts it this way:

“...hope (in the Lord) does not disappoint for the love of God HAS BEEN poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” -Romans 5:5

Did you catch that? We rejoice in the realization that the God of all things- the God of goodness and love IS with us. His love is poured out into us by the Holy Spirit that He has given. The joy of the faith is not just what WAS but what IS.

In Psalm 32:11, we read,

“Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones;
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.”

Fellowship with God is a profound delight- for the righteous. For the unrighteous, God's presence will be an everlasting fire of condemnation. For the sinful cannot bear the countenance of God, and God will not endure sinners. And the truth is, we are all sinners- “There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God...

“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” -Romans 3:10; 23.

BUT the good news is that God has brought righteousness to us sinful people. As Romans continues in 3:24, while all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, they “are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus whom God has put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.”

So we should be a people of Joy- celebrating the realization of God's promises through Jesus Christ in the present fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

III: Rejoice for what God Will Do!

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him [Jesus]. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

While we celebrate the substance of our faith in fellowship with the Holy Spirit now, we are promised that the Spirit's presence and His work in our lives is just a piece of what is to come.

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Paul refers to the Holy Spirit in our lives now as a “guarantee” of the fullness of fellowship and renewal that is to come. Likewise, in Romans 8, Paul writes, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18.

While God WAS- and did great things, while God IS- with us, saving, transforming and equipping us for all good works, God also WILL BE. Jesus is coming again, this time in glory. The Kingdom of Heaven will one day arrive and all things will be made right. The sinfulness of the world will be done away with, and the righteous (those who are under Christ’s righteousness through faith) will be glorified and taken into the paradise of the new heavens and the new earth.

Conclusion:

We are invited and called to rejoice. To be a people marked with the Joy of the Lord- 1, in Who God is and what He has done, 2, in God’s Fellowship with us Now and what He is doing, and 3, in God’s promises yet to come. In all things we are to give thanks and celebrate, for we are God’s children, adopted in the righteousness of Christ that we might glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

So celebrate, give thanks and rejoice. For God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good.

May the Joy of the Lord fill your heart and mind through faith in Jesus Christ.
Pastor Aaron

Our New Community Resource Room

In January many of you attending church saw approximately 50 bags full of clothing, etc. donated to our church and left in the Fellowship Hall.

Receiving 50 bags of donations is overwhelming, more than we can handle or store.

Mission and Outreach has set up a new Community Resource room to help people coming to us in need of a few necessities.

We offer all used items: winter coats, winter boots, clothing, shoes, socks, towels, blankets (or sleeping bags when available), sauce pans and can openers. The items we have collected for this room are many leftovers from our annual rummage sale.

The Deacons hold their annual rummage sale in August. Around the end of June Geri invites our congregation to bring in clean usable donations to sell, not stained or worn out for this rummage sale.

If you know someone wanting to donate please have them call one of our Deacons or the Church office as Scott will have a list of organizations to donate to.

by: Judy Burman

Aging vs Growing Old

Did you know that aging and growing old are not the same thing? While aging is a normal result of time, it describes, in large part, the state of our body. Old, on the other hand, describes our state of mind.

To live an engaged life until the day we die is no accident; it is the choice to live every day that God gives us, not simply exist. That is not denying the inevitability of death; but refusing to give in to it until it is our time.

Would a senior living community give you a better quality of life? Have you looked at or researched senior living, or do you still have the picture in your mind of the “old-age-homes” our parents talked about?

With age it is time to realistically look into the crystal ball and consider moving before a crisis occurs. If you select a senior living community before your health changes you can choose a place that fits your lifestyle. While your health is still good enough, it is time to pick your desired location and floor-plan.

Although the actual move and down-sizing is difficult, the results are worth it. You will be living among people of your own age group and interests. They will become your new family and many people are happier and more engaged after the move.

Although there are many communities to choose from we currently live at Crystal Terrace in Klamath Falls where the living quarters range from studio apartments to the larger cottages. We live in a cottage (actually a duplex) with 1300 sq. ft. and a double car garage. There are many choices of floor-plans and apartment sizes. Crystal Terrace offers independent living, assisted living, and memory care. The facility sits in a beautiful setting much like a college campus, among rolling hills, with well manicured lawns and is located only blocks from the hospital and doctor's offices.

We take advantage of the water aerobics classes in the well-heated pool, the chair exercises, and balance classes. There are many arts & crafts activities, bingo and group outings. Living here a person can be as active as they choose to be.

Independent senior living caters to seniors who are fully or mostly independent and want to move because they might live more adventurous lives, and feel less isolated. It's never too early to transition to senior living because even very healthy seniors can and do thrive in these communities.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

4TH Thursday 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 Thursday of January 2022. See Noreen Rhoades to purchase the book "His Last Words" for \$14.00.

Noreen Rhoades



BUCKET BRIGADE

March 28th

In February we started- working on the Sanctuary. SO- if you want to help spruce up the Sanctuary, come join us on March 28 to finish up the Sanctuary.

We'll start at 10:00 am.

March Birthdays

15th Justina Green

18th Vicki Zeller

22nd Rodney Todd

28th Matt Green

March Anniversaries

17th George & Sheryl Keady

Sunday Bible Class

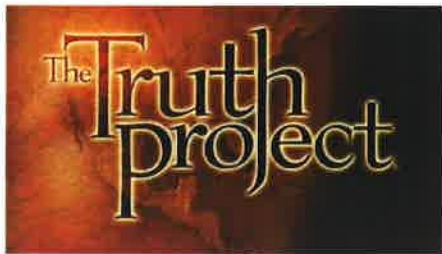
9:00-10:00 AM

Fireside Room

The Inheritance of Israel *from JUDGES to KINGS* *(1 & 2 SAMUEL)*



Join us in the Fellowship hall as Pastor Aaron Beaty and Geri Coker guide us through the story of the development of the Nation of Israel and how God worked to make a people for Himself. This winter and spring we will prayerfully follow the emergence of Kings in the land and how God has always pointed toward the one King, Jesus, who would deliver His people and sit on the Throne forever.



Theology On Tap (TnT)

1st and 3rd Mondays

6-7:30PM

Church Fireside Room

Join Pastor Aaron as we continue the video series,
"The Truth Project" with Dr. Dell Tackett.

Here are a few words about this powerful study from Focus on the Family:

"In a 2003 study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world – *only nine percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.* *The Barna Update, "A Biblical Worldview Has a Radical Effect on a Person's Life,"* December 1, 2003.

Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy, and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

To counter this downward slide within the body of Christ, Focus on the Family has launched one of the most ambitious and powerful projects in the history of our ministry – *Focus on the Family's The Truth Project®.*

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 video lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett, instructor of Christian Worldview at the Focus Leadership Institute and a former Senior Vice President of our ministry. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this curriculum can be a catalyst for exponential change within the body of Christ, as thousands of people are "transformed by the renewing of [their] mind" (Romans 12:2). As He has throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world."

Bring your own dinner and join us together as we re-construct a Biblical world-view by diving into the TRUTH.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

January 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$11,821.00
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$12,166.35</u>
Monthly Net:.....	(\$ 345.35)
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 345.35)
Checking 1/31/22:.....	\$59,947.52
Money Market 1/31/22:	\$59,913.74

Hi Friends,

Expenses in January beyond regular operations: Quarterly taxes, building insurance, and Presbytery expenses.

Thank you for your continued support of Peace Church, and we look forward to learning and sharing God’s Word together this coming year!

Many Blessings to All!

Kathy Todd

PEACE MEMORIAL WOMENS MISSIONARY GROUP

COMING LADIES !!!

Wednesday March 16, 2022, 10am till noon in the Fireside Room. Bring your craft items, knitting, crocheting or whatever you enjoy doing and enjoy a time of coffee, crafts and fellowship. We plan on meeting the third Wednesday of each month.

This may be a time to start working on bazaar items.

Noreen Rhoades



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"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"
-Prov. 3:6



The Gospel of Mark:
3/2 - ASH WEDNESDAY
Lamentations and Thanksgiving
Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:18-30

3/6 - **The Gospel of Mark:** :
LENT I
The Widow's Offering
Mark 12:41-44

3/13 - **The Gospel of Mark:**
LENT II
Predictions I: The Temple's Destruction
Mark 13:1-13

3/20 - **The Gospel of Mark:**
LENT III
Predictions II: The Abomination of Desolation
Mark 13:14-23

3/27 - **The Gospel of Mark:**
LENT IV
Predictions III: Signs in the Heavens and the Gathering
Mark 13:24-27

Your SESSION

Elders

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| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Session Moderator |
| Noreen Rhoades- | Clerk of Session |
| Kathy Todd- | Finance & Stewardship |
| Bob Wincentsen- | Christian Education |
| Linda Dart- | Mission and Outreach |
| Jim Zeller- | Building and Grounds |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Stephen Goode- | |

Your DEACONS

Gerri Coker– Chair

Susan Orton

Jocelyn Shellito

Vicki Zeller

Bertra Bratton

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

Your

TRUSTEES

Harold Heaton

Stephen Goode

Sharron Goode

Sharon Haddock

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

