



From the Pastor...

A Sure Foundation

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In Matthew 7:24–27, Jesus tells us about someone’s house: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Jesus goes on to say that when the rains, winds, and floods came, the house survived. I’ve often wondered what style of house Jesus is describing in this passage. In all likelihood, the ancient people who heard Jesus teaching that day would have thought of their mud and clay homes. Perhaps you think of your childhood home or the house you live in now.

Everyone’s house is different. Even ancient mud and clay homes differed from one another. They had different sizes, different decorations, and different locations. But in Jesus’ metaphor, the house is meant to point to one’s life. This house is something we’re always building as we become who we are. What’s more, our lives are different from one another. Therefore, every life represented as a house in this passage will look different. We Christians are born in different time periods, with different families, different occupations, and different callings.

Jesus doesn’t comment on the style or particular qualities of the house in this passage. As a result, He doesn’t comment on exactly what our life looks like. What He emphasizes is what our life is built on. The house of the wise man is built on the rock. The wise man builds on the rock because he hears and does Jesus’ words (v. 24). So, regardless of what our house looks like—who we are and what our lives consist of—we’re called to build on the same foun-

ation. We’re called to be hearers and doers of God’s Word. That doesn’t mean that what our lives look like doesn’t matter, but what Jesus is emphasizing here is the foundation. The foundation is the thing that imparts stability to everything else.

Contrast that with the foolish man, who also has a house: “And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish

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man who built his house on the sand” (v. 26). I used to imagine the foolish man’s house as a dilapidated shack, but the text doesn’t say what kind of house he owns either. Perhaps, instead, it’s a very ornate home with large, well-furnished interiors. Or perhaps it’s your average mud and clay home that looks similar to everyone else’s home. Regardless of what it looks like, the foolish man’s house falls because he built it on the sand—he heard Jesus, but he didn’t heed His Word.

From the Pastor... Continued

We all build our individual houses, and they are all different. Looks can be deceiving, but what matters is the foundation. Are we hearing what Jesus says but not doing it? Or are we actually doing it? Let us pray that we will be faithful to build our houses—whatever they look like depending on our own particular circumstances, talents, and callings—on Jesus and His Word. It is only through building on this sure foundation that our lives will have any sense of true stability, both now and forever.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29th



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Following Worship

The Purpose of our Annual Congregational meeting is as follows:

To receive the 2023 budget, approved by the Session

To Elect Church and corporate officers

To receive an update report on plans for the Sexton house

To clap or not to clap— that is the question

Whenever we attend a concert or lecture, often clapping is in order to express our appreciation for the excellence of the presentation. If it's especially of high quality, the response is a standing ovation.

How about in church? Is clapping appropriate?

If a musician brings a special piece is it appropriate to show the same appreciation as we would in a secular setting? One would think so.

Let me challenge you to think of this a bit differently.

When musicians offer a special presentation in the worship service they are not **performing** for you. Their offering is to the lord. Our Lord God is the true audience.

Matthew 6:1 Jesus warns about seeking approval from men. Paul spoke of this also in Galatians 1:10. No matter what the offering is our focus should be to worship and please god not men.

Here's the caution. Is our clapping in church for the 'performance' or to thank the Lord for the blessing you received? We would never think of clapping for an excellent sermon. But maybe we could for the right reasons. As a church let's think about this. What is appropriate? Whatever our response is, it absolutely has to be in appreciation for what the lord has done or is doing.

I recall one setting after a rousing emotional service the preacher said to clap for the lord and his goodness. Rousing cheers and hands were clapping, but they were directed in an upward fashion with eyes looking up towards the heavens.

On other occasions clapping seems to interrupt something

So beautiful that we are humbled by the presentation. In that setting i would suggest that our thankfulness be silent in that awestruck moment.

Things to ponder.

MISSION MEMO

First let me say how great our congregation's commitment to the Salvation Army's Giving Tree has been. We had 25 gift requests, and all 25 were fulfilled. Thank you for showing such love.

I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends during this Christmas season. And now that all the tinsel and wrapping paper is cleared away, I have a few questions for you: Did you get a new sweater? A new blanket? New camping gear? Some new cookware? New hat and gloves? Nice jacket? If so, what are you planning to do with your old things? I have a suggestion: Donate them to our Community Resource Room.

Our Community Resource Room provides many such items for those in need. Under Linda Dart's leadership, we're able to provide what's most needed, from socks to saucepans. We do keep track of who was helped with what, so if you are so moved, you can view the list and include those people in your prayer time.

One thing that has been mentioned as something to have on hand are nutritional drinks such as Boost and Ensure.

Thank you all for your continued support of this important ministry.

Small Groups Are Back Again!

Our second quarter of small groups is starting up this month! Below is the list of small groups, their time and location and if you were not able to participate in one last quarter, I strongly encourage you to connect this time around.

One of the most common barriers to joining a small group is stress. When various crisis hit, our instinct is to pull back- circle the wagons and dig in. Unfortunately, pulling back heightens a sense of isolation and while that may be exactly what a person is seeking, isolation is the worst place to be in dealing with crisis. A Christian small group is ideally formed to provide the perfect combination of focus on Jesus, and support from one another to strongly minister to us when we are in crisis. And if you do not find yourself in crisis-our small groups need you! A listening ear, and prayerful heart and a focus on Jesus and His Word is what small groups are all about.

I always encourage folks to prioritize Small Groups- change your schedule so you can be connected in this critical way to the Body of Christ and the life of the Church. But if our groups are not manageable for you, please let me know and I will see if we can work something out.

May the Lord bless us through our small groups this quarter! May that blessing draw us closer to Him and closer to each other.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Aaron

Sermon-Based Small Groups Quarter 2

Women's Group:	Mondays starting 1/9/23, 10:00-12:00, Church Fireside Room
Goode's Group:	Tuesdays starting 1/10/23, 3:00-5:00, Stephen and Sharron Goode's home
King's Group:	Tuesdays starting 1/10/23, 3:00-5:00, Paul and Joyce King's home
Men's Group:	Wednesdays starting 1/11/23, 11:30-1:30, Waffle Hut

January Birthdays

*8th Bob Wincentzen
16th James Breen
17th Bertra Bratton
17th George Keady*

January Anniversaries

17th George & Sheryl Keady

Stewardship & Finance Committee

November 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$13,147.38
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$11,789.36</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 1,358.02
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 6,365.46)
Checking 11/30/22:.....	\$53,254.21
Money Market 11/30/22:.....	\$62,128.05

Expenses in November beyond regular operations were: Presbytery & General Assembly quarterly askings, yearly county taxes for the church and the Sexton house, worship supplies, and trees and decorations.

Your free will offerings for the Henley Choir totaled \$454! Their music was amazing and thank you for supporting them.

The budget for 2023 was passed by the session at the December meeting. Thank you for your continued support for Peace Church. Year end totals for 2022 and the 2023 budget will be part of the Annual Report.

Blessings to all in this coming new year!!

Kathy Todd



I was thinking of the most wonderful person in the world...



Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

-1 John 4:11

Dear Friends at Peace Memorial. 12/19/22



And I thought of All of You!

I miss you all and loved getting your card & today Pastor Aaron & Pickie came love to all of you & Merry Xmas & Happy New Year

Love to you all Jeannine M. Wortha BT misses all of you.



Sunday Bible Class Begins This Month

The Inheritance of Israel

King Solomon and the Golden Age

1 Kings

Sundays starting 1/22/23

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. See you on Sunday the 22nd!

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.

Arcen Rhoades



Bible Discovery

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday 1:30

@ Laura Brassers House

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

January 2023

January 2023							February 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28	22	23	24	25
29	30	31											

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 Communion	2	3	4	5	6 Office Closed	7
8 10:30am Worship	9 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside ; Rm) 1:00pm Session	10 10:30am PMWVG Board Mtg 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home) 3:00pm King's Group (King's Home)	11 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery (106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601))	12 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	13 Office Closed	14
15 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	16 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside ; Rm) 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	17 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home) 3:00pm King's Group (King's Home)	18 10:00am Crafts Fellowship 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery (106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601))	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 10:30am Worship	23 10:00am Women's Group (Fireside ; Rm) 1:30pm Building & Grounds	24 3:00pm Goode's Group (Goode's Home) 3:00pm King's Group (King's Home)	25 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 11:30am Men's Group (Waffle Hut & Eatery) 12:30pm PMWVG Meeting	26 1:30pm Laura Brasser's Bible Study (Laura Brasser's Home)	27 Office Closed	28
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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 January:

1/1 - *All Things New*
Exodus 12:1-2, 23:15
2 Corinthians 5:12-17

1/8 - *Guard the Deposit*
2 Timothy 1:1-18

1/15 - *Be a Good Soldier of Christ*
2 Timothy 2:1-13

1/22 - *Be an Approved Worker for God*
2 Timothy 2:14-26

1/29 *Godlessness in the Last Days*
2 Timothy 3:1-9



SESSION



DEACONS

- Susan Orton- Chair
- Paul King- Vice Chair
- Jocelyn Shellito
- Vicki Zeller
- Bertra Bratton

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

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| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Moderator |
| Noreen Rhoades- | Clerk/ Discipleship |
| Kathy Todd- | Finance & Stewardship |
| Bob Wincentsen- | Discipleship |
| Geri Coker- | Mission and Outreach |
| Jim Zeller- | Building and Grounds |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Stephen Goode- | Building and Grounds |

*They meet the 2nd Monday of each
month from 1-3PM*



TRUSTEES

- Harold Heaton
- Stephen Goode
- Sharron Goode
- Sharon Haddock