



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

I recently asked ChatGPT what it would do if it were the Devil. It wrote the following article. I found it chilling (and sort of in the vein of C.S. Lewis's "the Screwtape Letters".) Below is the article created by AI to my query- "What would you do if you were the Devil?"

If I Were the Devil:

A reflection by AI

If I were the devil, I wouldn't bother with pitchforks, fire, or red tights. That's outdated PR. Nobody's afraid of a cartoon anymore. Instead, I'd invest in subtlety, branding, and maybe even a TikTok account.

First, I'd make sure people were too busy to think. Not "sinning wildly" busy—that's messy and attracts sermons. I mean pleasantly, constantly distracted. Emails, streaming queues, endless notifications. If people never sit still, they'll never wonder if eternity matters. I'd put a supercomputer in their hands that will occupy them with every interest, notify them to every scandal, and inform them on every topic. With such entertainment and information so readily accessible, the disciplines of thinking and discernment will be abandoned- I will be able to think for them! Who wouldn't want such a delightful gift? With their hands holding that computer, nobody will be able to

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fold their hands in prayer- and they won't have time for it anyway.

Second, I'd repackage selfishness as "self-care." Nothing against bubble baths, but if I can get someone to believe the universe's highest calling is to "just do you," then I don't need to push them toward evil. They'll drift there all on their own, smiling and moisturized. I will make pride a virtue, and convince people that their perception is reality. Once the nature of reality is mine, the rest of my work will be easy.

Third, I'd infiltrate churches—but not with heresy- that's too scary. No, no. Too obvious. I'd introduce just enough comfort to lull everyone into thinking faith is a hobby. Keep the music upbeat, the sermons short, and the coffee excellent.

From the Pastor continued... Who needs holiness when you can have hazelnut creamer? I'd expand the reach of politics to include the things of faith. Pastors would become boxed-in to speaking only of safe topics allowed from the pulpit. People will go to church- that's fine- but they will expect and demand their pastors not speak on anything political. Of course, I will have expanded "political" topics beyond taxes, economy, and government size to include the nature of reality, the value of human life, ethics, marriage, parenting, and I'll convince them there are 1000 genders. I will make sure everyone understands that the state owns the fields of counseling, education, family and healthcare. Once this ground is taken, I can even get people to accept that the State has claim over thoughts, and prayers! I will even make it illegal to pray! I'll have pastors limited to preaching only about figures of speech and providing entertainment.

Fourth, I'd make sure people confuse "being nice" with "being godly." Niceness is my Trojan horse. If everyone thinks that smiling politely is the same as loving sacrificially, they'll never

notice the difference until it's far too late.

And finally, I'd make truth look arrogant, conviction look hateful, and holiness look impractical. Then I could sit back, sip my latte, and let the world run on autopilot straight into my arms.

If I were the devil... well, you wouldn't even believe in me.

And that's how I'd know I'd won.

I told you- chilling. And surprisingly familiar. We should all know the ancient enemy is at work in this world- he always has been. To see his handiwork in our culture should not come as a

surprise, though sometimes we may have moments of clarity when we see his influence has reached further than we realized.

The good news however, is that while the Devil has influence in this world, Christ has achieved victory. While we are called to fight the good fight against falsehood, temptation and sin, we also know the victory over such things is already complete in Jesus' death and resurrection. In our calling to represent the Kingdom of Heaven among the principalities and powers of this present darkness remember, "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." -Eph. 6:12

We are given the armor of God in our spiritual battle and the powerful name of Jesus at which every knee will bow and every tongue will confess lordship.

This timely message reminds us that there is no sphere of life that is not both under the authority of God, or of the influence of our faith in Jesus. All of life is and should be influenced and guided by God's Word. May the Lord equip us and strengthen us to function as salt and light in this world of decay and darkness remembering that salt and light change their environment.

Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fidae, solo Christo, Soli Deo Gloria

(From Scripture Alone, by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, all Glory to God Alone)





We are beginning a
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

Cheryl Paletz will be leading us in the making of the prayer shawls. Cheryl has the patterns and the passion. The shawls may be crocheted, knitted, quilted or woven, and may be of different patterns, but they all have one thing in common- intentional prayer in every stitch. When the group meets, there is a devotional and time of meditation and prayer.

And of course the fellowship and sharing that comes from being together. Shawls may be made for known recipients (maybe you have a family member or friend in mind) or unknown recipients (maybe we can incorporate these shawls into our Birth Center Ministry). Once completed, the shawls will be blessed during the worship service before distribution. We plan to meet the third Wednesday of every month. All are welcomed to come- and if you don't know how to crochet or knit, now's a time to learn. Invite your friends as well.

Peace Memorial Small Groups:

Weekly, Sermon-Based small groups:



Women's Group: Tuesdays, 10-12, Fireside Room

Kathy Todd, 541-891-2019

King Group: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30, Fireside Room

Paul & Joyce King, 661-703-3194

Goode Group: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00, Goode's House

Stephen & Sharron Goode, 541-891-2770

Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays, 9am, Red Rooster Diner, 6th St.

Jim Zeller, 541-274-1942



Women's Missionary Group: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12:30-2 Fireside Room

Noreen Rhoades, 541-892-5872



Sunday Bible Class: (Deuteronomy) Sundays, 9-10am,

Fireside Room.

Rev. Aaron Beaty, 208-949-5431



Dr. Robert Godfrey

Video series on Deuteronomy

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2025

Starting at 9:00 am

We will be concentrating on outside tasks that need to be done
before the weather turns,
but there are inside tasks to be done also.

We welcome any and all participation, as you are able.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Dear Church members,
We greatly appreciate
your donation of under clothes
to our School. We will
distribute the items to those
who could ~~use~~ use them most.

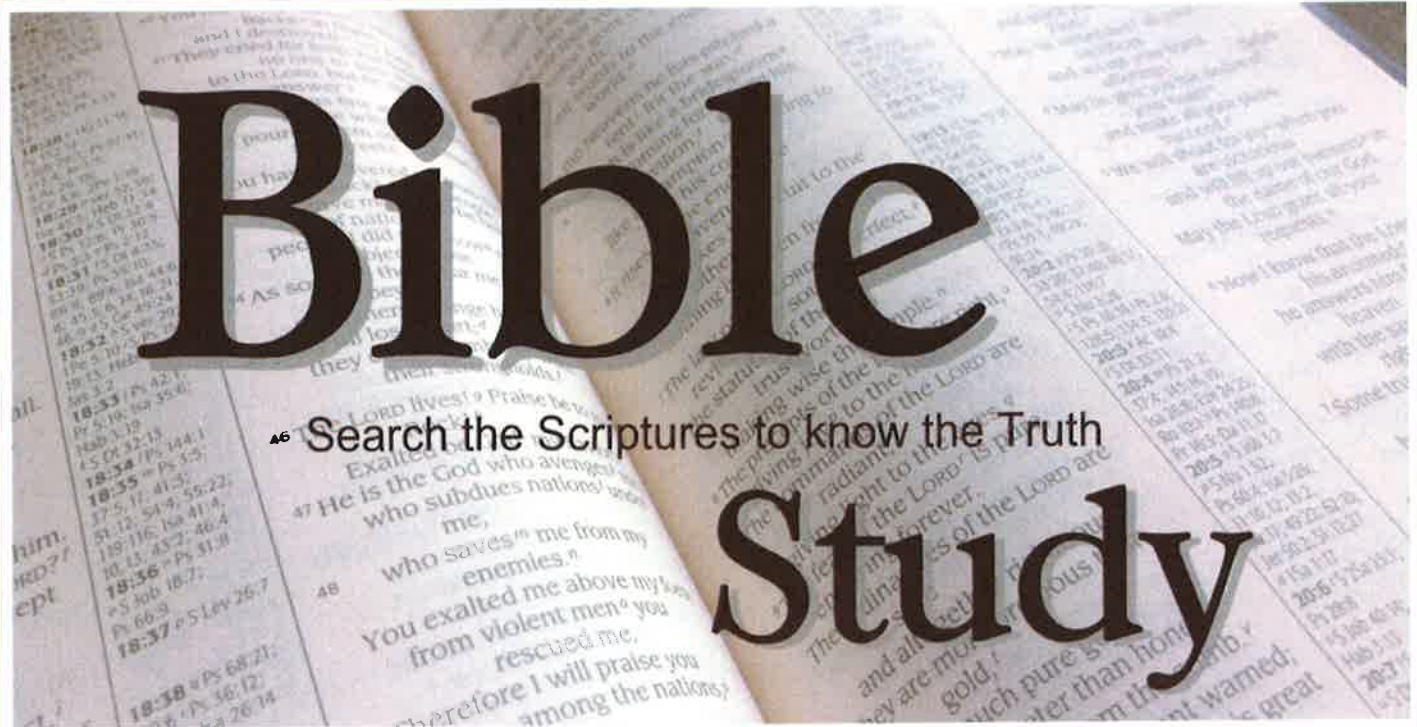
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Sundays, 9-10AM Weekly Bible Classes continue for All Ages

☒ Adult Bible Study

Our adult class will feature a video series on the book of **Deuteronomy**, taught by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey. Pastor Aaron will host the class and lead discussion as we explore the rich truths and timeless relevance of this important Old Testament book. The adult class will meet in the **church Fireside room**..

☒ Youth Bible Class (Jr. & Sr. High)

Our youth (junior and senior high) will journey through the book of **Leviticus** with teachers **Geri and Jim**. This class will help students see how God's holiness and covenant promises point us to Christ. The youth class will meet **upstairs** in Room 1 (first door at the top of the stairs).

☒ Children's Bible Class (K–5th Grade)

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will explore smaller portions of Scripture in more depth, helping them encounter Jesus in a personal and age-appropriate way. This class will be led by **Vicki and Noreen** and will meet upstairs in room 2A and 2B.

These Bible classes are a wonderful way for the whole church family to grow in faith, ask questions, and encourage one another in Christ.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

August 2025

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$16,782.95
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$12,292.98</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$4,489.97
YTD /Net:.....	\$ 6,833.40
Checking 8/31/25:.....	\$38,862.61
Money Market 8/31/25:.....	\$33,522.67
Edward Jones CD 8/31/25:...	\$21,762.33
Edward Jones MM 8/31/25:	\$36,785.20
TOTAL 8/31/25:.....	\$130,932.81

Expenses in August beyond regular operations were Presbytery and General Assembly askings, double payment for cleaning service due to no invoice sent in July, curriculum, Presbytery expenses, pulpit supply, and organ repair fund.

Kathy

October Birthdays

1st Aaron Beaty
 8th Scott Dickson
 17th Marjorie Divine
 17th George Marek
 27th Landon Beaty
 31st Betty Shaw

October Anniversaries

MISSION MEMO

Kim Elliot, author of *Choosing Life After Rape*, will be the featured speaker at the Pregnancy Hope Center's 2025 DESSERT FUNDRAISER on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30 PM at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. The theme for the evening is *The Voice of A Father*, and Kim will share how her own earthly father played a pivotal role in her choices, and her heavenly Father led her to healing, victory and purpose. The Center is gearing up to grow FOCUS ON FATHERS, creating ongoing opportunities to mentor and encourage fathers into their responsibilities, leadership role, and spiritual health. More information and volunteer applications will be at the dessert fundraiser. If you are interested in going, please let Geri Coker know. And just so you know, this is a fundraiser but you are under no obligation to donate. We as a church already contribute financially to the Center's important work.



Our Mission Committee is tasked with providing opportunities to be tangible evidence of the love of Jesus Christ. If you feel God's calling to take part in this, just let Geri know that you'd love being part of the committee.

MED-PROJECT LOCATIONS

MED-Project offers free, safe, and convenient Medicine Mail-Back Packages for the disposal of unwanted medications from households. Free of charge!

Kiosks:

Sky Lakes Medical Center - Sky Lakes Outpatient and Inpatient Pharmacy	2865 Daggett Avenue Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Holiday Market - Sky Lakes Downtown Pharmacy	211 North 8th Street Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Sky Lakes Washburn Pharmacy	2421 Washburn Way Suite C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Klamath Tribal Health Pharmacy	330 Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin, OR 97624
Klamath Open Door	2074 South 6 th . St Klamath Falls

Mail Back Site:

Klamath Tribal Health Pharmacy	330 Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin, OR 97624
Chiloquin City Hall	127 South 1st Avenue Chiloquin, OR 97624
Klamath County Library Service District – Merrill Branch	365 West Front Street Merrill, OR 97633
Klamath County Library Service District – Bonanza Branch Library	31703 Oregon 70 Bonanza, OR 97623
Malin City Hall	2432 4th Street Malin, OR 97632
Klamath Basin Senior Citizens Center	2045 Arthur St. Klamath Falls, OR 97603
Klamath County Public Health	3314 Vandenberg Rd. Klamath Falls, OR 97603

October 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Communion	6	7 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Fireside Room)	8 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	9 10:30am Missions & Outreach	10 Office Closed	11
12 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	13 12:00pm Session	14 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goode's Home)	15 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	16 6:30pm PHC Dessert Fundraiser (KC Fairgrounds)	17 Office Closed	18
19 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	20 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	21 10:00am Women's Small Group 11:00am Discipleship Mtg 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group	22 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	23	24 Office Closed	25 9:00am FALL CLEAN-UP DAY
26 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth Harvest Party	27 1:00pm Building & Grounds	28 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goode's Home)	29 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	30	31 Office Closed	Nov 1



Youth Harvest Party!

Saturday, October 26th • 12–2 PM

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church

Hey friends! Grab your flannels, bring your energy, and get ready for an afternoon of fall fun!



Join us for our **Youth Harvest Party** where there will be:



Fun & wacky **games**



Yummy fall **snacks**



Plenty of laughter and prizes

It's all happening right here at **Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church** on **October 26th from 12–2 PM.**

Due to the afternoon event- we will not have the Sunday morning Youth or Children's Bible class.

Bring a buddy, bring your best smile, and come ready to celebrate the season with us. Don't miss out—it's going to be a blast! 





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"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18



DEACONS

Paul King - Chair

Debbie Grant

Jocelyn Shellito

Sharon Haddock

Marie Gregory

Marjorie Divine

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

Sermons for October:

ISAAC

10/5- His Submission
Genesis 22:4-8
Luke 22:39-46

10/12- His Perseverance
Genesis 24:61-67; 25:19-28
James 5:7-11

10/19- His Blessings
Genesis 27:21-29; 38-40

JACOB

10/26- His Rebellion
Genesis 27
Romans 5:6-9



SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Geri Coker-	Mission
Kathy Todd-	Stewardship & Finance
Betty Shaw-	Worship
Sandi Deatherage-	Discipleship & Evangelism
Gary Scott-	Building & Grounds
Session Staff positions:	
Kathy Todd-	Treasurer
Betty Shaw-	Financial Secretary