

# THE LINK

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2018

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CHRIST



TO BECOME  
LIKE CHRIST



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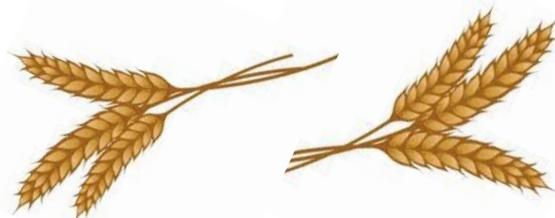


I believe every Christian has a memory... a story... a moment... THE MOMENT they realize GOD has been there, next to them, all the moments before that very one. Have you thought about "your moment" lately? Have you thought about the peace and grace you felt after?

This time of year I am reminded of MY MOMENT quite often. I was almost 5 years old the summer my grandpa passed away. It was sudden... no one had expected it. I don't recall anyone I know dying before that. I knew about GOD. I'd been to Vacation Bible School and Sunday School... I'd learned about heaven... and my parents told me I'd see Grandpa again one day. I believed. Yet there was still sadness. Sadness everywhere. My sister and I spent a lot of time at my grandparent's farm that summer. The whole family did. I remember hearing my mom and dad talking that they didn't want Grandma to get lonely out there by herself. There was lots to do on the farm but what I remember the clearest was at night my aunt would get out the projector and we'd all gather in the living room and watch slides that my grandparents had taken through the years. I honestly wouldn't be able to describe a single picture... from a single slide to you today... but the sadness I felt, in and around me, I will never forget. It was during these days on the farm that I noticed a skinny white vase sitting on the dresser in the room I slept in. It sat perfectly on a white doily and in it were 3 large stalks of wheat. It was the only thing I could see laying in my bed at night; and it was the first thing I saw each morning when I woke up. One particular morning I had just walked into the kitchen and seen my Nanny holding my Grandma... it may have been the other way around... they were both crying. I crept back to my room... hoping... and praying that neither had noticed me. I stood in front of the dresser in my room, crying because two of the most important women in my life were hurting. I began running my hands through those 3 grains of wheat. It was at that moment... MY MOMENT... that I felt it... the Holy Spirit... it was warm and it was peaceful. I knew that this pain we were all feeling would ease. I was five... so I realize some of the emotion I feel about this moment is from years of replaying it in my mind; but from that day on I didn't just believe... I knew GOD was with me. I'm not saying I've never lost my way... or that my relationship with GOD hasn't been complicated at times... but I've never doubted his presence. Every time I see a field of wheat... I feel a peacefulness I can't quite explain. A peacefulness you can only feel when you know you're walking with JESUS. When I smell a fresh cut field of grain I remember the scent of my grandparents farm that summer... the summer I had MY MOMENT.

This edition of the link is filled with different pictures of wheat... I can't imagine a better way to be reminded of GODS love. I encourage each of you to share "your moment" with your kids... your parents... your friends. Write it down and reread it over and over again. Be reminded and refreshed of GODS Peace.

Blessings,  
Anna



Dear Church Family,

I am enjoying the opportunity to preach from the Psalms this summer. Spending time in these prayers and songs of God's people renews my spiritual life. As I have studied and thought about the ways of God as expressed in his relationships with his people, I am once again amazed at how true these writings are to everyday Christian living.

One thing I have been working on this summer is to meditate on the Psalms. I want these passages to speak to me personally *before* I begin to study them in preparation for crafting the Sunday sermon. The Bible Reading Plan that has been developed for our congregation is a wonderful tool for having a daily time with God in his word. If you have not begun using the plan, it's not too late. Copies are available at the church, or you can download it from our church website: [www.congopres.org](http://www.congopres.org).

The Bible itself witnesses to the importance of meditating on God's word. When the Apostle Paul wrote: "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16), he was talking about the value of going beyond simply reading the word to spending time pondering its meaning and application to our daily lives.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a wonderful example of the benefits of meditating on Scripture. Having been given the word of God through the angel Gabriel, we are told in the second chapter of Luke's Gospel that Mary "kept within herself all these things [that she had been told], weighing and pondering them in her heart." Later in the same chapter we learn that she "*treasured* all these things in her heart." The things of God had become *treasures* for Mary.

More than merely knowing what is in the Bible, I want that knowledge to transform me, to change me more and more into the person God calls me to be. As a friend of mine once said: "Who knows more about being in love: the person who can repeat what others have told him about being in love, or the person who has actually been in love?" Living the Christian life is about experiencing the things of God, not simply reading about them in the Bible.

How do you and I allow the Scriptures to become treasures in our lives? First, we need to open ourselves to what God wants to do in us and for us. By an act of our will, we invite God to change us. Second, we spend time reading and thinking about the word of God. For most of us this needs to be a step of discipline, making the daily study of the Bible a priority. Third, we begin to see that word come to life within us by making it personal and deeply relevant. That is, we begin to live our lives according to the Bible. Living the Christian life is about allowing the word of God to make a difference in us and, through us, in our world.

It has been my experience in ministry that those who are being enriched by the word of God enrich others. When we let it inhabit our lives, the blessings we receive flow out in blessings for others. May the word of God dwell in us richly, and may it overflow to all we encounter.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve



**Community Action Food Bank**

*July 15th* has been designated as Food Bank Sunday. This month, the Food Bank has expressed a need for the following items:



These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart there.  
Thank you!!!



**Food Pantry Donations Needed**

**Ready to Eat Items:**

- Meat
- Fruit
- Pudding
- Juices

**Baby Items:**

- Diapers
- Jar Food
- Cereal
- Formula

**Miscellaneous Items**

- Sugar-Free Items
- Eating Utensils
- Zip Lock Baggies

**LINK Deadline & Volunteers**

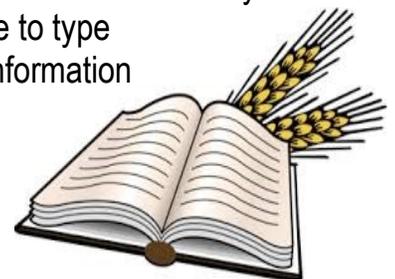
The deadline to submit articles for the August LINK is

**July 16th AT NOON**

Articles may be sent via email to [annab@congopres.org](mailto:annab@congopres.org) or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed submission, so please plan accordingly.

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please

We'd like to add a book section to our monthly LINK newsletter. If you've read a book that you think others would enjoy.... LET US KNOW! There is a small questionnaire we'll have you fill out so that we can add it to our recommended books list. If you'd like to type up a personal review for the LINK... WE'D LOVE THAT! For more information please contact Anna in the office at [annab@congopres.org](mailto:annab@congopres.org).



*July 12th (Thursday): Talmaks Annual Camp Meeting; We'll depart from the church at 10:45am and travel to the "Annual Lunch and Benefit" with the Nez Perce Presbyterian churches. Enjoy a delicious lunch in the shade of the towering Ponderosa Pines. During our fellowship time there will be an opportunity to give a free-will offering. We will arrive back in Lewiston around 2pm. Hope you can join us!*

*August 23rd (Thursday): Senior Picnic at Deyo Pond (in Weippe ID); meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:45am.*



Please RSVP for these activities in Fellowship Hall or by calling the Church Office (208) 743-4444.

### Fit & Fall Proof (Senior Exercise)

When: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday's

Time: 9:00a

Where: Fellowship Hall

Now is a GREAT time to join!

Come have FUN and get your joints moving!

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."  
John 12:24

### SAVE THE DATE!

# All Church Campout

## September 21-23 at Hells Gate State Park

Plan now to join us for this annual event! Campers should make reservations in south portion of loop B for RV's and trailers . North end of loop C for tent campers. Camping spaces are already filling up fast so make reservations soon! Make your Reservations online at:

[www.idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com/hells-gate-state-park](http://www.idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com/hells-gate-state-park)



For more information please contact Jim and Becky Schroeder at [bschroeder@lewiston.com](mailto:bschroeder@lewiston.com) or 208-553-5114.

# Worship With Us

## 9:00am Contemporary Service

This worship offers a relaxed way to praise our Lord. Our talented Song Team leads our music. Children's Church is available for kids entering Preschool thru 5th grade (kids excused after young disciples). Come as you are and worship in a casual atmosphere.

## 10:15am & Noon ~ All-Church Fellowship

Join us for coffee and cookies to catch-up with each other's lives. This sense of community is vital as we get to know our neighbors! Childcare available during the 10:15a fellowship hour.

## 11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections, anthems sung by our choir and special music offerings.



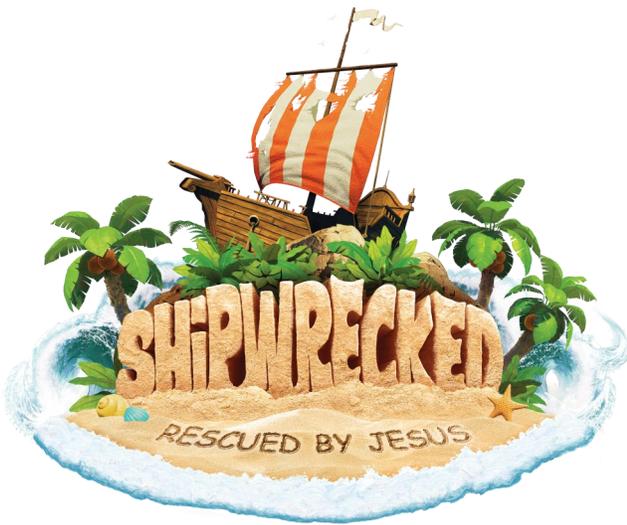
# Random Acts of Kindness

## July Random Acts of Kindness Ideas

- Read a book to a younger child
- Entertain someone with a happy dance
- Take a treat to your local firefighters or police officers
- Donate something to an animal shelter
- Go a full day without complaining
- Learn to say "thank you" in a new language
- Take a walk outside with a friend or your family
- Make and display a "kindness matters" sign
- Smile at 25 people



Scatter seeds  
of kindness  
wherever you go



You're invited to CongoPres VBS, Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-work-building games, experience Bible adventures, and enjoy a free kid friendly dinner.

Congo-Pres Vacation Bible School is every Tuesday night in July from 5:30-7:30pm. VBS is FREE for kids ages 4 (must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2018) thru 5th grade (entering 5th grade in fall 2018).

**Here's how to register online:**

1. go to [www.congo-pres.org](http://www.congo-pres.org)
2. select Ministries
3. select Children's Ministries
4. fill out the registration form
5. submit the registration form
6. refresh the page & repeat for additional kids!

Paper copies of the registration form are available in Fellowship Hall or in the church office. Invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, etc! All are welcome!



**Jesus  
Rescues!**



**100-DAY BIBLE  
READING PLAN  
FOR THE  
SUMMER MONTHS!**



It's not too late to start and catch up on the Kids Summer Bible Reading Plan! CongoPres Children's Ministry is using the Zonderkidz 100 Day Bible Reading plan that goes through Labor Day (September 3rd). These short chapter-long Bible readings are a great way for kids to grow in their faith while keeping up on important reading skills. We will reward the kids who finish the plan with a trip to Fazzari's and Baskin Robbins in September! The Bible reading plans are available in the book stand located in Pilgrim Hall.



Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! Come to the 9:00am Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited upstairs Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities! **\*A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15am. At that time, you may come get your child(ren) and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to remain upstairs, with our fun child-care providers. Please pick them up by 11:00am. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

CPC Kids's Ministries

Contact Kelly Paynter, Director of Children's Ministries, with questions, concerns or comments at [kellyp@congopres.org](mailto:kellyp@congopres.org), 743-4444 or 791-1262.

- \* Men's Bible Study - Will resume Wednesday August 1st
- \* Wednesday in the Word - Will resume Wednesday August 1st
- \* Women's Sweet Hour of Prayer - Summer Event Tuesday July 10th
- \* The Following Bible Studies have concluded their Studies and will resume in September. Happy Summer!
  - \* Women's Association
  - \* Women's Book Club
  - \* Monday Night Ladies Bible Study
  - \* Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study



TRULY, TULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE THAT BELIEVES ON ME HAS EVERLASTING LIFE. I AM THAT BREAD OF LIFE. JOHN 6:47-48

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

All ladies of the church are invited to come to our only summer gathering on Tuesday morning July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11:00 at Kirsten Kaiser's Home (2012 Gateway Drive) in Lewiston. Please join us for breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

Sign up at the women's table in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please call Kirsten Kaiser @ 301-938-5251 or Leslie Schrette @ 208-790-4799.

Camp Spalding/Clearwater Lodge

## Fall Women's Conference

*September 28-30, 2018*



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE E-MAIL SAMANTHA FRANKLIN, CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS EVENT, AT SBFRANKLIN4@GMAIL.COM



## CongoPres VBS is here!!!

Tuesday nights in July 2018: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
5:30-7:30pm for kids Pre-K through 5th Grade

You're invited to CongoPres VBS, Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience Bible adventures, and enjoy a free kid friendly dinner. Congo-Pres Vacation Bible School is every Tuesday night in July from 5:30-7:30pm. VBS is FREE for kids ages 4 (must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2018) thru 5th grade (entering 5th grade in fall 2018). Register online at [www.congo-pres.org](http://www.congo-pres.org) or pick up a paper in Fellowship Hall.

### **Here's how YOU can help make VBS a success!**

- Donate dinner supplies. Kids LOVE to eat fun food! Stop by the dinner donation clip board and choose an item to donate weekly.
- Invite kids you know: Friends! Neighbors! Grandkids! Cousins! Classmates! Teammates!
- Pray that God will use VBS to draw kids in attendance closer to him!
- Pray for the volunteers who will be here every Tuesday night!

Contact Kelly Paynter, Director of Children's Ministries, with questions at [KellyP@congopres.org](mailto:KellyP@congopres.org), 743-4444 or 208-791-1262.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Wired 5:30-6:30pm  YIPPY 7:00-8:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> TNF (Tuesday Night Frisbee) 8:00-9:00pm	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> JH Girls Small Group 6:00pm  HS GIRLS SMALL GROUP 8:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>22</b> Wired 5:30-6:30pm  YIPPY 7:00-8:00pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> TNF (Tuesday Night Frisbee) 8:00-9:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> JH Girls Small Group 6:00pm  HS GIRLS SMALL GROUP 8:00 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> YIPPY 7:00-8:00pm  Wired 5:30-6:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>COMING IN AUGUST!</b> <i>Service Crew</i> Please pray for our Service Crew August 5th-11th at Camp Spalding		<b>AUGUST 2ND!</b> 		

## Questions?

Please contact Pastor McLane,  
 or Bobbi Jo Sinner, Youth Secretary  
 in the church office at 743-4444.

## Red Cross Needs Your Help!!

With the need for blood product every 2 seconds in the United States, your time and skills are needed in providing customer service at community blood drives. With a commitment of at least one 4 hour shift per month you can help save lives. Please contact Danielle Pozernick for more details at: [Danielle.Pozernick@redcross.org](mailto:Danielle.Pozernick@redcross.org) or 208-855-4925.



## Mark your Calendars: July 1st

Join us monthly as we celebrate during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by for cake, coffee and conversation for your special birthday month!



July Birthdays: Dusty Sandainel (1st); Vicky Boubel, David Doeringsfeld, Becky Johnson (2nd); Jonah Carpenter (5th); Jill Shaw (6th); Sheri Dotson, Joyce Roberts (8th); Jean Allen (10th); Debbie Carpenter (11th); Bob Blakey, Glenette Otton (13th); RJ Johnson (14th); Toni Carlyle, Dianne Waldemarson (15th); Mollee Dilling, Phil White, Jeanne Hunt (17th); Kristen Delka, Bob Fulton (18th); David Johnson (19th); Miles McKarcher, Rachel Williams (20th); Ted Krisher (21st); Jerry Aucutt, Mark Ridinger (22nd); Wyatt Borgen, Ian Franklin, Curtis Shaw (23rd); Sharon Damon (25th); Brayden Meske (26th); Kris Hackwith, Jerry Reynolds, Bryson Walker (29th); Shelly Gibbs (30th)

*If we missed your birthday please let Anna in the office know (208)743-4444.*



A big thank you to Erin Ledgerwood for giving CongoPres. permission to use her beautiful pictures in our July LINK. The cover photo was taken just down the road from my grandparents farm near Kendrick ID. You can check out more of Erin's photo's at <https://enlphotography21.wixsite.com/enl21>



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 Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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