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TO KNOW CHRIST
TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST
TO SHARE CHRIST



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Justice Matters

The Bible declares that God is love and God is holy, and we look to the Bible to teach us about godly love and holiness. We are to love God and others because God first loved us, and we are to be holy for God is holy.

The Bible also declares that God is just, and it instructs us about godly justice. Pursuing biblical justice means we follow God's way to make right that which is wrong, and we look to Scripture to define what is "right."

As human beings, the fully human Jesus Christ is our standard for how to live justly. Jesus Christ lived a perfect, sinless life, died a sacrificial death and rose again to make right that which was wrong between us and God. Jesus also cared for the outcast and reached out with compassion to help those most often overlooked to make right that which was wrong between persons. Jesus pursued justice, both spiritually and physically.

Pastor's Letter

As we look at the life of Jesus and the clear command given throughout the Bible, it is clear that Christians are called to “do justice.” We are called to take action and confront evil, to care for the vulnerable and to make right that which is wrong. This command is not new. It is not a cultural fad or something that is simply a trend in today’s society. Throughout the Bible, our call to do justice is clear.

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute” (Psalm 82:3).

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and plead the widow’s cause” (Isaiah 1:17).

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come” (Luke 4:18-19).

“What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things” (Luke 11:42).

Biblical justice starts with the eternal in mind. It starts by seeing people as God sees them – recognizing that we are all created in the image of God. And it is incumbent upon Christ followers to pursue physical and spiritual freedom for the oppressed so others can also become what God created them to be.

As believers, we may partner with those doing the work of social justice in our communities, but let us not be confused about our ultimate mission. Our mission is not about picking up another cause because it sounds appealing and makes us look good. Our mission is about fully embracing the cause of Christ. The end goal of biblical justice is seeing lives reconciled to God and others, and eternally transformed.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

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2020 College Scholarships

The Congregational-Presbyterian Church (CPC) Fund Ministry had the pleasure of awarding \$14,400 in college scholarships of \$1,200.00 each to 12 outstanding college applicants. The monies for these scholarships come from the interest accrued on our College Scholarship Fund which is independent of the Congregational-Presbyterian Church budget. The Fund is supported solely by contributions in the form of memorials from members of our church family.

The students will receive the funds when they matriculate in the fall.

Those receiving scholarships this year are:

Shayne Ashe - a sophomore in Environmental Science at Columbia Basin College

Jake Dilling - a senior in Kinesiology with a specialty in Exercise Science at LCSC

Michaela Hersh - a senior in Elementary Education at LCSC

Lauren Johnson - a freshman in Pre-nursing at North Idaho College

Noah Norwood - a sophomore Earth Science major at LCSC

Emilyn Sheppard - a junior in Marketing and Entrepreneurship at the U of I

Autumn Symonds - a junior next fall in Safety and Health Management. She is transferring to Central Washington University

Geonna Travis - a senior next fall in Food and Nutrition at the U of I; this will be Geonna's fourth year of receiving funds from CPC

Ryanne Travis - a sophomore Elementary Education major at LCSC

Ben Williams - a junior in Civil Engineering at LCSC

Julia Williams - a freshman Nursing student at LCSC

Rachel Williams - a returning student to the Nursing program at LCSC

The CPC Fund Ministry Committee congratulates all our college graduates who have received scholarships during their student years. We are so proud of our youth and our college students. Congratulations and our best wishes and prayers for your new school year.



Peggy Fulton
CPC Fund Ministry Chair



Congratulations

The Board met Tuesday June 9 and it was decided we are not ready to re-open to in-person worship.

I know that we all want to be together again in worship, but the board felt the risk remains too high. Considerations included the above average proportion of 'at risk' members of the congregation and that with the large demonstrations downtown over the prior weekend that we may be facing a new jump in local Covid-19 cases.

And maybe even more limiting, the staff is working on 'live streaming' so that we can continue sharing worship on-line with members who will be unable to worship in person. The social distancing requirements once we return will limit the number of us that can be in the sanctuary, and so continuing on-line worship is essential. Our current equipment is inadequate to continue providing online worship once there are people in the building - too much background noise with people in the space for the equipment we are now using. Equipment has been ordered to allow us to do both on-line and in-person worship, but with many congregations being in the same situation it is on backorder. So being able to reach all on Sunday morning requires us waiting until the new equipment arrives, is set up and tested.

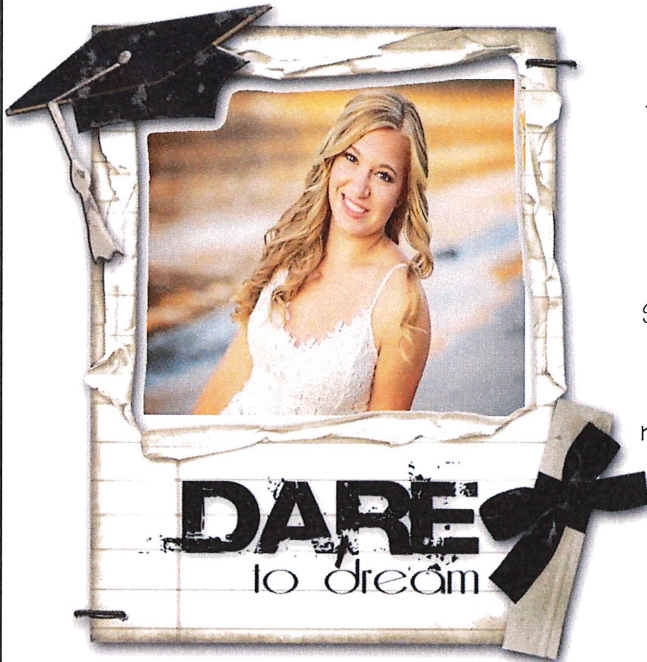
This waiting and isolation is hard on all of us. But it also serves to remind - our Faith is 'other centered'. It is not about me so much as it is about you, my neighbor. *Mark 12:30-31 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" We are each other's neighbor and recognize that where I am in this crisis is not where anyone else is and we need to love each other wherever each lives today.*

Gary Chase

Membership & Evangelism Ministry Team Leader



2020 CPC GRADUATES



Hello my name is Calista Hall. I'm very grateful to have been a part of the Congregational Presbyterian Church Youth Group the past couple of years. Here my faith has grown, and I have been blessed to gain more friendships too! Some of my favorite memories with this youth group include Camp Spalding Fall Retreats and our Sunday nights together! This fall I will be attending Whitworth University majoring in Health Sciences. Thank you Congo-Pres Youth Group for being such a blessing during my high school experience! It is so great to see you spread the love of Jesus to the LC Valley's Youth!

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations
LAUREN CALLIE JULIA





Hi my name is Julia Williams. I plan on attending LCSC to get my bachelors degree in science to pursue my dream occupation of being a flight nurse.



Hi I'm Lauren Johnson. This coming fall I will continue my academic journey at North Idaho College (NIC) in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Over the next two years, I plan to pursue my associate of science degree at NIC where I am also excited to have an opportunity to play college soccer. Following graduation from NIC, I plan to transfer to the Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, ID where I will finish up my premed degree.

Dear Church Family,

The board of our church met on Tuesday, June 9, to continue the conversation on opening the church for in-person worship and ministry activities. After a lengthy discussion, the board determined that we are not yet ready to do so. We will revisit the question at the next Board meeting on July 14.

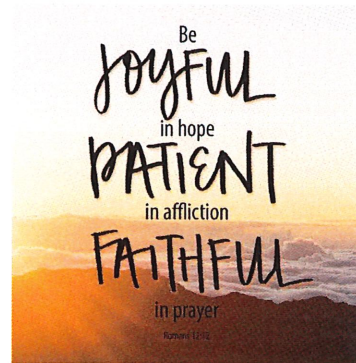
While all of us on the board and in our church desire to be able to be together as a congregation for worship and fellowship and ministry outreach, we believe that the risk of spreading and contracting the corona virus in such in-person settings is still too high to justify being together.

Another factor that weighed strongly in the board's decision is the wonderful way in which our church is responding to the crisis. People are staying in touch with each other through phone calls, hand written notes, and emails; we are consistently being told that the worship videos downloaded to our website featuring Pastor McLane, Beth Katzenberger and myself are providing spiritual strengthening and encouragement; the financial support of our church is strong as generosity continues to be a hallmark of our congregation; and, while many have expressed their preferences on the question of in-person worship and ministry gatherings, there is a strong feeling of trust in our staff and board that they are making decisions based on what is best for all of us as a community of faith, whether young or old, healthy or with underlying medical issues.

Please continue to pray with us for the health and safety of all in our church. And pray for the staff and board that they will clearly discern the leading of Christ's Spirit as to when it is right for us to begin meeting together again. As we look forward to that day, may our Lord continue to bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve



Blu'Bana Bread

Recipe submitted by Marie Eier

INGREDIENTS:

2 sticks butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 tsps. vanilla flavoring
5 medium size mashed bananas
2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

4 cups flour
3 tsps. allspice
2 tsps. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add Vanilla. Fold in bananas. Fold in 2 cups of the flour. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the remaining flour to coat the blueberries later. Place remaining flour in sifter, to which add the allspice, soda, baking powder, salt. Sift and fold into above mixture. Sprinkle the two (2) tablespoons of flour on blueberries, coating well, then fold into the batter.

Divide batter into two prepared loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately 50 minutes. Test with a toothpick to determine when done.

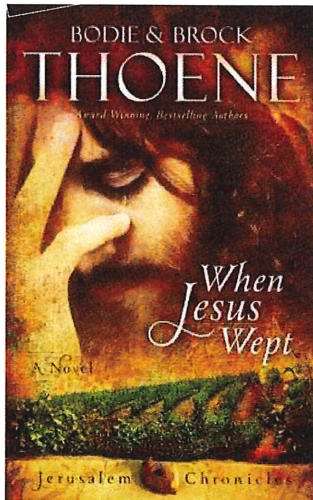
God is Great

God is great.
God is good.

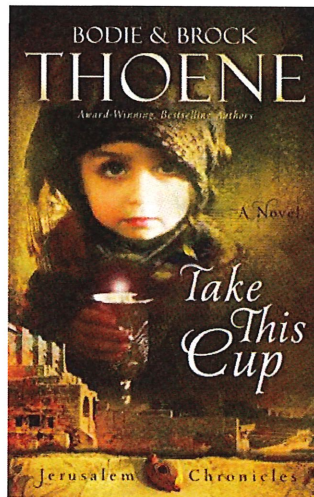
Let us thank Him for our food.
By His hands, we are blessed.
Thank you Lord, for this daily bread.
Amen

JULY'S
TABLE GRACE

THE JERUSALEM CHRONICLES



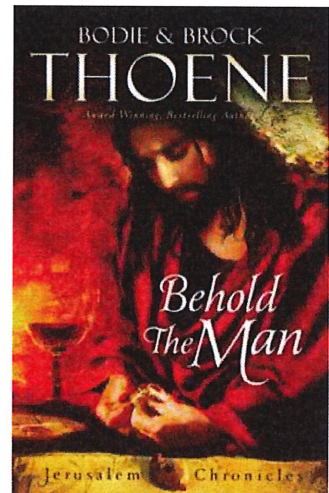
The Jerusalem Chronicles is a three book series that covers the political and religious turmoil... the friendship between Jesus and Lazarus... and Nehemiah as a cup bearer.



- Book #1
When Jesus Wept
- Book #2
Take the Cup
- Book #3
Behold the Man



These books were recommended by the CPC Christian Book Club



GROWING IN FAITH

Women's Association meets September through May on the second Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 10am and are held in Fellowship Hall. Women's Association is open to all women and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact Shari Rhodes or Peggy Fulton.

Women's Christian Book Club meets the first Monday every other month. The group gathers at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Book club reading recommendations can be found in our monthly LINK newsletter on the "Tales from the Library" page. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:45am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads this bible study and discussion. The group is currently reading the book of Acts. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church. For more information please contact Pastor Steve.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets on Friday morning at 9:50 am in the Chapel. Join us for fun fellowship and discussion. All women are welcome to join us. For questions call Jean Allen.

Wednesday in the Word meets every Wednesday at 12pm in the Chapel. This weekly, in depth study and discussion is led by Pastor Steve and relates to the Sunday morning sermon text. All are welcome to join the exploration of biblical teaching and its application for Christian living.

Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (September through May) at 6:45 pm in the Conference



"He will sustain you"

Isaiah 46: 4

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Small Groups

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Hi!

Shari Rhodes here or as you may have referred to me as THE COOKIE LADY! Seriously though ~ my time as the Fellowship Ministry person has ended as of June 30th. I have been doing this for 3 years and have enjoyed every minute! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that help serve with me during Fellowship Hours for both services. You have been a blessing! As I exit my time I want to leave with you a cookie recipe to hold you over until we all return to church!

Strawberry White Chocolate Chip Cookies



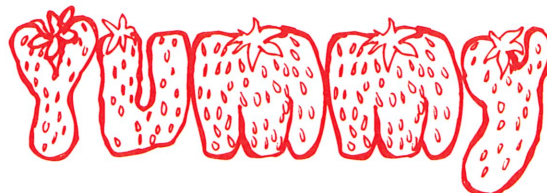
INGREDIENTS:

- strawberry cake mix
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups white chocolate chips



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together cake mix, vegetable oil and eggs in a large bowl until combined. Mix in white chocolate chips and stir until evenly distributed. Place heaping spoon full on to ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes. Let set on cookie sheet for 2 minutes then move to wire rack for cooling. Eat and Enjoy!



CAMP SPALDING



Up to date information regarding Camp Spalding 2020 summer camps can be found at www.campspalding.org.

Want to know what's happening with Children's Ministries in July? Sign up for Kelly's Constant Contact emails by following these simple steps!

1. Go to our church website, www.congopres.org,
2. Click on the Ministries tab
3. Click on Children's Ministry
4. Scroll to the bottom where it says "Subscribe to Monthly Children's Ministry"
5. Type your name & email
6. Click Subscribe Now



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Tech Free Ideas for Kids

- Write Kelly Paynter a letter and tell her some things she might not know about you. Send it to 709 6th Street or email it to Kelly at KellyP@congopres.org and she will write you back! Ideas include: What's your favorite color? What is your least favorite food & why? Do you have a pet? If you could go to anywhere in the world where would it be? What was your favorite memory at CongoPres? What outside activities do you like to do? What's your favorite game?
- Draw and color a picture of the church. Send it to Kelly and she will take a picture of it and post in on our Facebook & Instagram pages.
- Read daily out of the Hands On Bible Daily Devotions book that we gave you.

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August LINK Deadline is Monday July 21st!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE LINK FOR MAILING PLEASE COME TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 28TH AT 9AM.

ARTICLES MAY BE SENT VIA EMAIL TO ANNAB@CONGOPRES.ORG OR BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. ARTICLES RECEIVED PAST THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED PUBLICATION.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

JULY 19TH

THIS MONTH'S NEEDS:

- ◆ Sugar Free Foods
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Baby Food
- ◆ Cereal

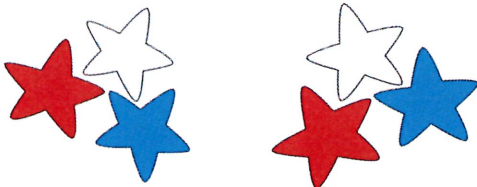
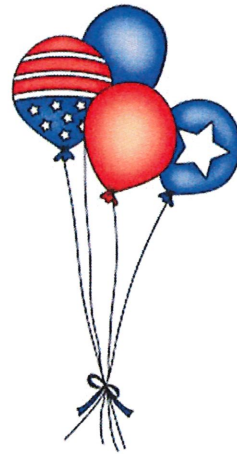


THESE ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO FELLOWSHIP HALL AND DEPOSITED IN THE GROCERY CART. THANK YOU!

This month you may want to help celebrate our July Birthdays by sending a card to:

July Birthdays:

- 1st Dusty Sandaine
- 2nd Vicky Boubel, David Doeringsfeld & Becky Johnson
- 3rd Joan Karns & Aracely Martinez
- 6th Jill Shaw & Sheri Dotson
- 7th Logan Fitting
- 8th Joyce Roberts
- 10th Jean Allen
- 11th Debbie Carpenter & Heather Ross
- 12th Laurinda Riggs
- 13th Bob Blakey & Glenette Otton
- 14th RJ Johnson
- 15th Toni Carlyle & Dianne Waldemarson
- 17th Mollee Dilling & Jeanne Hunt
- 18th Kristen Delka & Bob Fulton
- 19th David Johnson & Miles McKarcher
- 20th Rachel Williams
- 21st Ted Krisher
- 22nd Jerry Aucutt & Mark Ridinger
- 23rd Ian Franklin, Pete Whittman & Curtis Shaw
- 25th Sharon Damon & Debra House
- 26th Brayden Meske
- 29th Kris Hackwith, Jerry Reynolds & Bryson Walker
- 30th Shelly Gibbs





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M-F: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



“Summer Kindness Challenge”

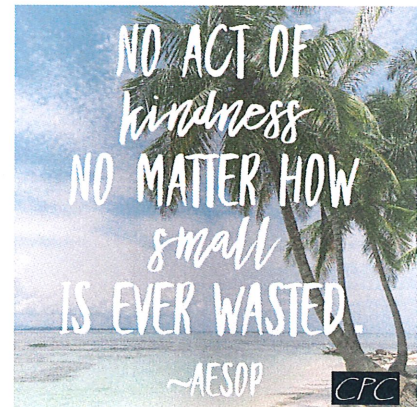
I hope you will all help me with a special project this summer. It's called the “Summer Kindness Challenge”. This challenge is simple, it's free, and it's guaranteed to make you and all those around you feel better.

In a nut shell here it is... I hope you'll join me in challenging myself to do at least one *random act of kindness* a day this summer. It's not as complicated as it might appear...Kindness can be shown through small gestures such as holding the door open for someone at the store or a nice comment on someone's appearance. Many underestimate the true outcome of small acts of kindness. True love and affection can change anyone's attitude and view of the world.

Need some inspiration? Watch our Facebook page each day for a new kindness idea; stop by the office and grab an idea from our jar of “Kindness Ideas” or pick up a list of [Random Acts of Kindness Ideas](#) we've put together. We'll also have ideas in the August and September LINK. Let's spread some JOY and LOVE this summer!

Kindness Ideas:

- *Read a book to a child, pet or enjoy a book yourself!*
- *Post something positive on social media today.*
- *Use a reusable water bottle.*
- *Pick up garbage in your neighborhood.*



Thank You

Dear CongoPres Church Family,

Thank you for giving us our daily bread at the time of Sally Zimmerer's death. With grateful hearts we thank everyone for your abundant outpouring of loving kindness, thoughtful words of comfort, your phone calls, cards, letters, food, prayers, and so much more. You will forever be appreciated and remembered for your loving acts of support and kindness at such a time as this.

Sincerely,

Mark (Gina) Zimmerer; Pete (Rita) Zimmerer; Molly (Bob) Zimmerer; Joel (Annie) Zimmerer; & all their children Sarah Blakey, Rob Blakey, Janell Zimmerer, Eliza Zimmerer, & Lorenzo Zimmerer

Worship services for the month of July are tentative pending coronavirus restrictions.

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.

11:00am Traditional Service

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