

The LINK



*the grass withers
& the FLOWERS fade,*

*but the word of OUR GOD
STANDS forever.*

ISAIAH 40:8

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CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Announcement

The following programs that normally begin in September have been put "on hold" for the time being:

Wednesday Evening MidWeek
Wednesday in the Word
Women's Association

(See Updating our Church's COVID-19 Plan on page 9)

hello
fall

The Work of the Holy Spirit

If we are called by God to holiness of life, and if holiness is beyond our natural power to achieve (which it certainly is) then it follows that God himself must give us the light, the strength, and the courage to fulfill the task he requires of us. He will certainly give us the grace we need. If we do not become saints it is because we do not avail ourselves of his gift. - Thomas Merton

The gift of God for our holiness of life is the Holy Spirit who equips and encourages us to live according to God's call.

During the months of September through December, the topic of our Sunday Sermon Series, supported by our Bible Reading Plan and Daily Devotions, is *The Work of the Holy Spirit*. Together we will explore how the Spirit does his work, both individually through the fruit he grows in us, and corporately as he unites and gifts us as a congregation for ministry.

However, to live lives of holiness takes more than simply reading God's Word and hearing a pastor speak in church. Transformation of life, from living primarily for ourselves to living primarily for God, is a long and often daunting process.

The Japanese children's story teller, Daisaku Ikeda, wrote *The Cherry Tree*. This story, set in post-war Japan, tells of two children who one day stumble upon an old man who is attempting to nurse back to life a barren, aged and war-damaged cherry tree. At first the children are puzzled by the man's devotion to such a tree. When they inquire about this, the old man explains: "It's true she hasn't blossomed since before the war. But one day, with a little kindness and patience, she may again."

The children, inspired by the old man's devotion and hope, agree to join him in his efforts to nurse the tree back to life. They work hard, but much of their time is spent waiting and hoping. And then one day a single pink petal appears, followed in due time by a beautiful display of fruit-producing blossoms.

We may wonder whether our lives will ever produce the kind of spiritual fruit of which the Bible speaks. This simple story reminds us that we are called to devote our lives to nurturing the "tree" of our spiritual life, even when the tree seems not to be actively producing fruit. We must not give up hope that God will do what God has promised to do. As Jesus said: "If you remain in me and I remain in you, you will produce much fruit" (John 15:5).

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

COME TO THE **ALL CHURCH** CAMP OUT

HELL'S GATE STATE PARK

SEPTEMBER 17-19

On Fire for Jesus – Come to celebrate Jesus, Our Life in Him, our *Life as a Community*, and our Mission to the world.

Make your reservations NOW!
Tent spaces still available in Loop C!

All Church Camp Out



FRIDAY

-All Church Kickball – All ages, 1-90!

-BBQ- Ben Barkley's famous Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, and Beans. Bring a dessert to share. Shelter #6

-Share Time – Testimonies, Bible Verses, Music, Star Gazing?

SATURDAY



-Multi-age swim relay

Four legs, 8 person team, everyone wears a flotation device. Come join a team, cheer a team.

-Paddling Flotilla – join the armada in a kayak, paddle board, raft, inner tube toward asotin creek and back!



-Saturday night share time – at the amphitheater. Bring a dessert to Share, Charades, Songs, Testimonies, Bible Verses.

SUNDAY



-Morning Service In the Amphitheater .Come Worship with us Sunday morning before we pack up our tents and go home. Worship our Savior, Pray for each other and that God would anoint us to carry His Gospel to all those we meet. ON FIRE FOR JESUS!

Mark your Calendars: September 5th

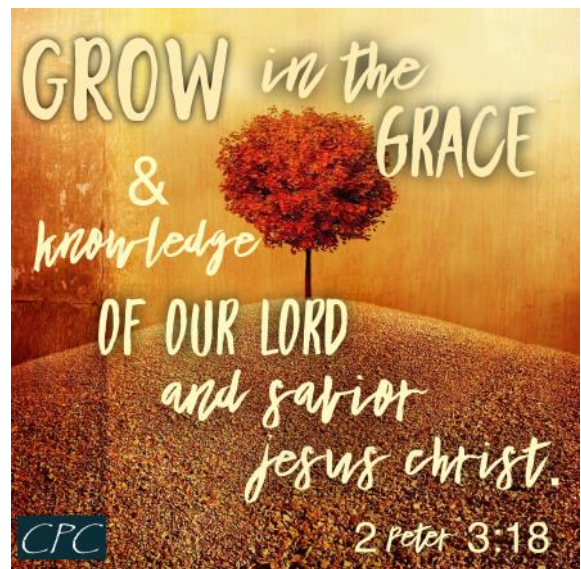
Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by this month for some cake, coffee & conversation for your special birthday month!



September Birthdays



- 2nd Seth Dilling & Bobbi Jo Sinner
- 5th Elaine Williams
- 6th John Tilton
- 7th Jazmine Olson, Lee Owens & Jim Solem
- 8th Earline Stuck
- 10th Connie McDonald & Amy Parker
- 11th McLane Stone, Laura Williams, Joy Gerritsen & Lloyd Reuschlein
- 12th Lori Holder
- 14th Pat Emerich, Tina Lantz & Clare McCracken
- 15th Bob Allen, Gale Kambitsch & Geonna Travis
- 16th Kaitlin Coleman
- 17th Doug Riggs & Ian Colemam
- 18th Stephnay Gossage & Tami Thomson
- 19th Elizabeth Racicot & Cher Sherwin
- 21st Kate Nowlin & Anna Bruce
- 22nd Ben Barkley
- 23rd Morgan Ashe & Jacquie Shore
- 24th Jacki Ficker & Ella Walker
- 25th John Mannschreck & Julie Lind
- 26th Vivian Seubert & Camie Smith
- 30th Diane Kovach & Natalie Hardin



FOOD BANK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

**THIS
MONTH'S
NEEDS:**

- Mac & Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Cake Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Flour
- Spices
- Frosting
- Sugar



These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!



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, with nursery for the younger ones.



11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections and special music offerings. Nursery is available for children 1st grade and younger.



9:00am and 11:00am Livestream

The worship Services are livestreamed on our website: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed at any time during the following week.



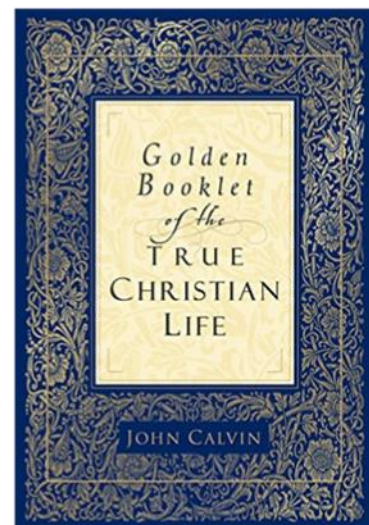
The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to serve during coffee fellowship after each service. If you're interested please sign up on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Sharon Damon, Fellowship Chair

DEEP ROOTS: THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

TUESDAYS AT 3PM

Join Pastor McLane on Tuesdays at 3pm in the chapel for a reading of important Christian texts aimed at enriching our lives today. Questions? Contact Pastor McLane at mclanes@congopres.org.



OCTOBER LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

Articles may be sent via email to annab@congpres.org or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed inclusion.



If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, September 28th at 9am.

FIT & FALL PROOF

Join us every
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at 9am
in Fellowship Hall



Updating our Church's COVID-19 Plan

In May of this year, the Board of our church approved the following COVID-19 Operational Plan:

1. Wearing a mask is optional in worship and at all church activities. Masks and hand-sanitizer will be available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
2. In Worship, we will serve communion (with a few tweaks to enhance health and safety) and offer Young Disciples' Time. We will continue our practice of not having materials in the pew racks, and we will not pass the offering plate. Offerings can be placed in the Offering Boxes at the rear of the Sanctuary.
3. Fellowship Time after worship will take place in Fellowship Hall with food and beverages offered by masked and gloved servers at the kitchen counter.

At their recent August meeting, the Board decided to continue our current Operational Plan. In addition, some of our ministry programs that normally begin in September will be put "on hold" for the time being, and one-time in-person events will be postponed.

Ministry programs put "on hold" include Wednesday evening MidWeek, Wednesday in the Word, and Women's Association. One-time in-person events being postponed include Memorial Services and in-door congregational gatherings.

We encourage everyone who would like to wear a mask in worship or while participating in a ministry activity to do so; the livestreaming of our worship services will continue.

This Operational Plan complies with the current "Stage 4 of the State of Idaho and Department of Health and Welfare Stay Healthy Guidelines." Should State guidelines change, we will amend our plan accordingly.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve





SUMMER YOUTH GROUP FUN!!



CongoPres Youth in September



As we roll into September, we pray that all our CongoPres Youth families have a great kick-off to the school year. Beginning September 12th, we will be joining together on Sunday evenings to explore God's grace in our lives and how to respond to His call to faithful discipleship. Please see below for more details. We are excited to start another year of fall programming at CongoPres Youth!



WIRED
Sundays - 5:00-6:30pm
Middle School ministry (6th-8th grades)



YIPPY
Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm
High School ministry (9th-12th grades)



Questions? Please contact Pastor McLane at
743-4444 in the church office.

Moment for Mission

At CongoPres, we believe that mission is not simply something we *do*, but is essential to our identity as disciples of Jesus. We are a family of God that has been given a mission to serve and love the world through the grace of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we fulfill our mission “To Know Christ, To Become Like Christ, To Share Christ” is through supporting and serving local ministries and organizations here in the LC valley and beyond. Below, we want to highlight one of our ministry partners. If you would like to know more about how you can support this organization or others, please reach out to our Board Member for Mission, Dar Wendt, or Pastor McLane.

Willow Center

At Willow Center, we are a non-profit, charitable organization, that provides supports groups and resources for children and teens free of charge. Our program is designed to provide a caring, accepting environment that greatly enriches the healing process by allowing children and families to share their grief with others who have had comparable loss.

The support groups at Willow Center are coordinated by behavioral health professionals and trained volunteers and currently meet twice a month - year round. Groups are delineated by age with concurrent support groups available for the adult caregivers/parents of the children that are attending. Upon referral to the center, an intake appointment is scheduled to get information about the child(ren), family, circumstances of the death, and to provide information/details about the program.

We currently serve the Lewis and Clark Valley and surrounding areas, but also have families coming from around the region, including: Pullman, Orofino, Cottonwood, and even as far away as Riggins. Willow Center is the only organization between Boise and Spokane that is dedicated to serving the needs of grieving children, teens and their families in a free of charge, on-going open ended, support group format modeled on best practices and the assumption no two children grieve the same



Willow Center
For Grieving Children

Back to School CELEBRATION

- ✓ September 12th during Children's Church
- ✓ Donuts & games
- ✓ Preschool to 5th Grade
- ✓ Parent gathering at 10:15am



Did you know that childcare is provided at every service at CongoPres? Our nursery is open on Sundays and for all worship services! Loving child care for infants through age three is provided for the Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45am. Your child is welcome to remain in the nursery until Fellowship Hour ends at 11:00am. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00am Traditional Service.



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! Join our Assistant to Children's Ministry, Jules Hussey, Wednesday afternoons beginning September 8th from 3:30-5pm. Many fun things are planned for Kids' Club including creative object lessons, crafts, games, snacks, and an interactive and engaging Bible story time. Snack & free time will be from 3:30-4:00pm. The planned hour of our afternoon will begin at 4pm and conclude at 5pm. Kids' Club will meet in the Children's Ministry space directly below the Sanctuary. Please use the ramp entrance to enter and exit.



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 until 10:30 when our child-care providers will take them to the nursery. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

Contact Pastor McLane Stone, with questions, concerns or comments at (208) 743-4444 or mclanes@conGOPres.org.

Growing In Faith

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on *Monday October 4th at 10am* in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.



Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads this Bible study and discussion. The group is currently reading the book of Romans. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.



Starting on September 10th, the Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly for one hour in the church chapel. The study begins at 10am. The group will be studying 1 Corinthians and study guides are available for \$5. For More information please contact Gayle Beck.



The following small groups are currently on hold:

- * Wednesday in the Word
- * Midweek
- * Women's Association



Look for more information on these small groups in the October LINK.



CPC Online Alpha Course starts on Thursday September 9th at 7pm. This course is a series of interactive sessions to discuss the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment.

Sessions cover questions such as "Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? How does God guide us" and more. Book your place by emailing CPCAlpha@gmail.com.

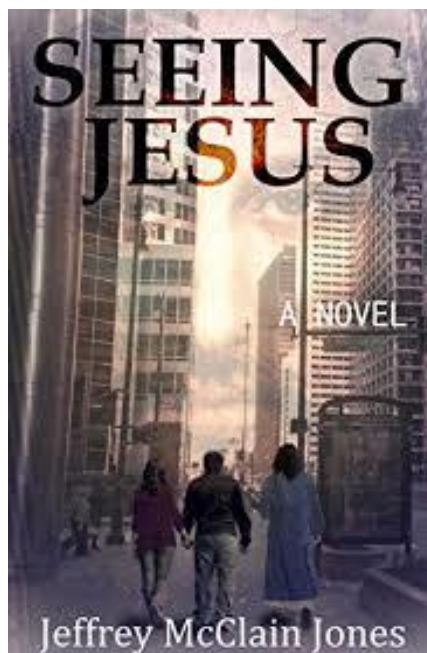


Monday Evening Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on September 13th and 27th at 6:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. For more information please contact Rona Meske.





September Pick!



Did you ever wish you could actually see and hear Jesus next to you? Philly Thompson never did. But one day, on the way to work, he's forced out of his routine life when he meets a strangely dressed man on the bus. The friendly stranger claims to be Jesus and no one beside Philly seems to see him. The story of how this two-week encounter changes Philly extends to his girlfriend and to his family. What would Jesus do? Well, Philly will just wait and see.

OTHER GREAT READS:

THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY THE
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB



Can't Wait To Get to Heaven: A Novel
By Fannie Flagg



The Whole Town's Talking: A Novel
By Fannie Flagg



CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB
MONDAY OCTOBER 4TH
10AM IN THE CHAPEL



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Let your <i>roots</i> grow deep into <i>Him</i>, and let your lives be <i>built</i> on <i>Him</i>. Colossians 2:7</p>			1 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 6:30p Choir	2	3 9a Senior Exercise 10a Ladies Bible Study	4
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Produce Sharing Table

Bring the abundance of your garden to the table in Fellowship Hall to share with others in our congregation.



The September/October Upper Room Devotionals are now available! You can pick up a copy in Fellowship Hall or the church office. You can also call the church office at (208) 743-4444 or e-mail annab@congopres.com to have a copy mailed or delivered to you.

The Service Ministry committee would like to invite anyone interested in serving communion, to our members who are unable to attend church services, to their next meeting Monday, September 27th at 1:30pm in the Administration Building Conference room. Please contact Kirsten Kaiser with questions.

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**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
FOR OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY.**

Killer Bars

From the kitchen of: Nancy Bruns

Ingredients:

- 1 c. white corn syrup
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. peanut butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 6 c. Rice Krispies
- 1 bag (2 c.) butterscotch chips
- 3/4 bag (1 1/2 c.) milk chocolate chips

You can find this recipe and many other yummy deserts in the CongoPres "Faith, Food, and Fellowship Cookbook".


Directions:

- Mix corn syrup and sugar in heavy 2 quart saucepan. Bring to rolling boil, stirring frequently.
- When sugar is dissolved, remove from heat and add peanut butter and vanilla. Stir well until thoroughly combined.
- Pour over Rice Krispies; combine and pour into a 10x15x1 inch jelly roll pan. With greased hands, press mixture until pan is covered.
- Melt butterscotch and chocolate chips in microwave for 1 minute on HIGH. Stir. Microwave 1 more minute, until chips are melted. Stir well and spread on Rice Krispy mixture.
- Cut into small bars and enjoy.

SEPTEMBER TABLE GRACE


We thank you, Lord, for all you give:
The food we eat, the lives we live;
and to our loved ones far away, please
send your blessings, Lord, we pray.
And help us all to live our days with
thankful hearts and loving ways. Amen





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