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All Church Picnic



THIS YEAR'S ALL CHURCH PICNIC WAS HELD AT SWALLOWS NEST ON SUNDAY JUNE 26TH. LOOK FOR MORE PICTURES IN OUR AUGUST LINK.

Dear Church Family,

I have enjoyed the opportunity of preaching from the life of Abraham. Spending time in these stories of one man's walk with God renews my spiritual life. As I have studied and thought about the ways of God as expressed in his relationship with Abraham, I am once again amazed at how true these ancient writings are to everyday Christian living.

One thing I have been working on this summer is to meditate on Scripture. 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.

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 knowing 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 everyone we encounter.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve's Summer Sabbatical: July 1 – August 14

This summer, the Board of our church has granted me a six-week sabbatical which I will take July 1 through August 14. I will be spending time with our family in Texas and attending the C.S. Lewis Summer Institute at Oxford University in England. As many of you are aware, C.S. Lewis is my favorite Christian author, and the Summer Institute is an event that has been a part of my “bucket list” for about forty years. The conference will explore the theme, “Surprised by Love: Cultivating Intellectual Hospitality in an Age of Uncertainty” with renowned scholars from the arts and sciences, leaders in ministry and the major professions, and an array of literary, visual, and performing artists. We will enjoy lectures, workshops, worship services, and a rich variety of cultural programs. I look forward to sharing my Oxford experience with you when I return.

During my time away, Pastor McLane will preach and lead Sunday Worship, following the Sermon Series and Daily Bible Reading Plan on the life of Abraham he has developed for the summer. Our Daily Devotions are also written by McLane.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Fraudulent Solicitations Made to Our Church Family

Periodically members of our church family receive fraudulent financial solicitations purported to be from one of the pastors or a member of the church staff. They have been made via email and by text message.

Please *do not* follow through on the monetary request unless you have had a prior personal conversation with the pastor or church staff member.

The pastors and staff of our church will *never* communicate regarding a financial need in this manner. We will *always* communicate with you face-to-face or by phone if a need arises of which we would like you to be aware.

Yours in Ministry,
Pastor Steve

Dianne's Beans (or Calico Beans)

*Recipe from Dianne Waldemarson
& submitted by Peggy Fulton*

2 1# cans pork and beans

1 can pinto beans

1 can kidney beans

1 can plain lima beans (Dianne and I both prefer Garbanzo beans)

I added one can of green beans

You can use any combination of beans that you want, but use the two cans of pork and beans!

Drain all but the pork and beans and put them all in crock pot.

Cook:

1 # hamburger

¼ # bacon or more

1 chopped onion

Mix together:

1 cup catsup

1 tablespoon liquid smoke

½ tablespoon salt

¼ cup brown sugar

3 tablespoons vinegar

2 tablespoons dry mustard

Place everything in the crock pot and cook 4-6 hours on low



If you have a recipe you'd like to submit please drop it off at the office or email it to annab@congopres.org.

COME TO THE ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

HELLS GATE STATE PARK

AUGUST 26-28

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/or RV spaces without hook ups still available in Loop C!

CAMPOUT ACTIVITIES

Friday August 26th: All Church Kickball; Church BBQ; Share Time

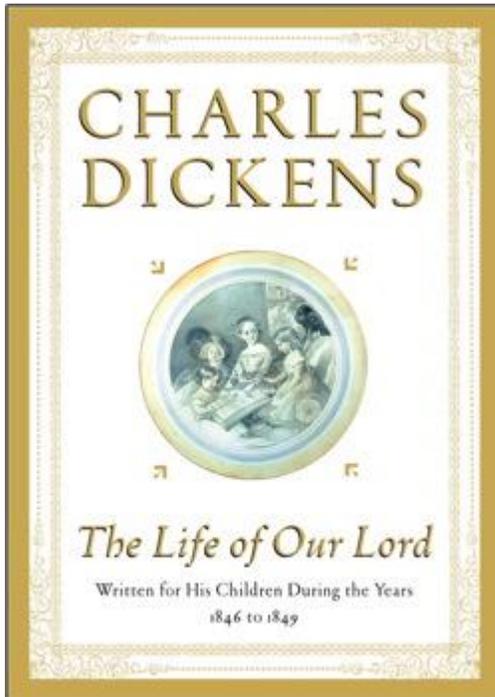
Saturday August 27th: Multi-Age Swim Relay; Paddling Flotilla; Share Time

Sunday August 28th: Morning Service

Email Bobbi your campsite number as soon as you reserve, so we know where you are...there will be a bag of goodies on your picnic table when you arrive! Please e-mail me at drcmatousek@gmail.com with any questions.



JULY PICK!



Charles Dickens wrote *The Life of Our Lord* during the years 1846-1849, just about the time he was completing *David Copperfield*. In this charming, simple retelling of the life of Jesus Christ, adapted from the Gospel of St. Luke, Dickens hoped to teach his young children about religion and faith. Since he wrote it exclusively for his children, Dickens refused to allow publication.

For eighty-five years the manuscript was guarded as a precious family secret, and it was handed down from one relative to the next. When Dickens died in 1870, it was left to his sister-in-law, Georgina Hogarth. From there it fell to Dickens's son, Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, with the admonition that it should not be published while any child of Dickens lived.

Just before the 1933 holidays, Sir Henry, then the only living child of Dickens, died, leaving his father's manuscript to his wife and children. He also bequeathed to them the right to make the decision to publish *The Life of Our Lord*. By majority vote, Sir Henry's widow and children decided to publish the book in London. In 1934, Simon & Schuster published the first American edition, which became one of the year's biggest bestsellers.

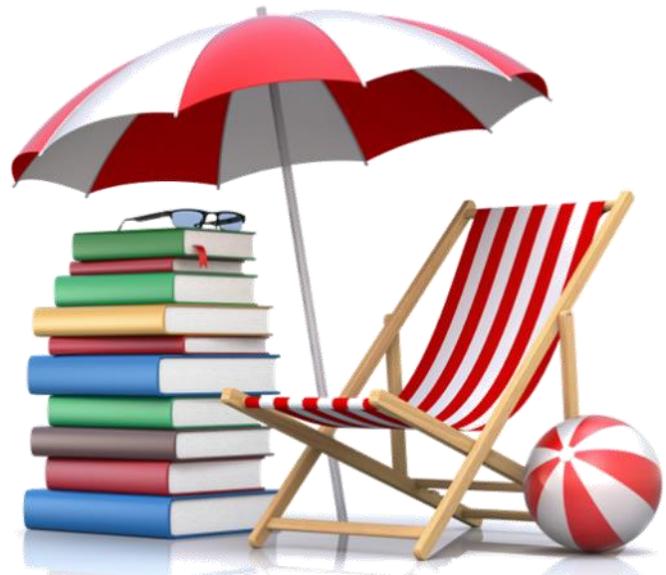
**THESE BOOKS WERE
RECOMMENDED BY THE
CPC CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

OTHER GREAT READS:

 [Around the World in 80 Days](#)
by Jules Verne

 [Resistance Women](#)
by Jennifer Chiaverini

 [Winter Garden](#)
by Kristin Hannah



YIPPY & WIRED

in July



Frisbee Golf

Wednesdays - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us at Sunset Park every Wednesday beginning June 15 for a few rounds of Frisbee Golf during the 'golden hour'. Bring your own disc or borrow one from the church. All students are invited!

Fro-Yo Fridays

Fridays - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Do you like frozen yogurt? Do you like frozen yogurt covered in gummy worms dipped in chocolate sauce? Then join us every Friday night beginning June 17 at Spot On Yogurt in Lewiston.



Summer Breakout

July 10, 24, and August 7 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Summer Breakout is an opportunity for our students to gather and fellowship together through the summer. Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Triple Play

July 21, 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on July 21 as we head to Triple Play in Hayden, ID for a day of laser tag, go karts, mini golf, water park, bowling and much more! We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Please RSVP to Pastor



Mark your Calendars: July 3rd

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!



July Birthdays:

- 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 & Miriam Robertson
- 14th RJ Johnson
- 15th Toni Carlyle & Dianne Waldemarson
- 17th Mollie 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 & Bryson Walker



May your day
be full of
SUNSHINE



July Birthdays



Food Bank Sunday

July 17th

Food Bank Sunday

This month's needs:

- Diapers
- Baby Food
- Cereal
- Pudding Cups
- Snack Foods
- Baby Formula
- Dry Beans
- Cup of Noodles



The
God of Peace
be with you.
Romans 15:33

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.



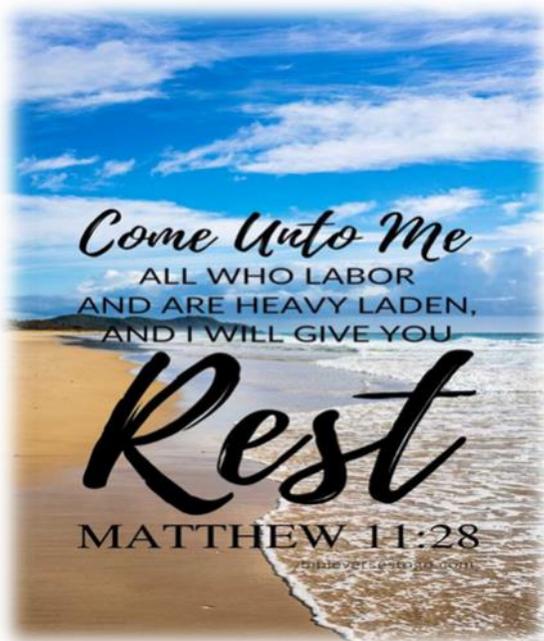
11:00am Traditional Service

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.



Worship with Us

Family Promise is Back! July 10th to July 16th

Brothers and sisters of Congo Pres we are blessed with the opportunity to help a family get their wings underneath them. We will be hosting at least one family of 2 on the above dates. Jamie (mom) and Amelia with the nickname Millie (age 1) are a great little family that you will enjoy. We need volunteers for meals, and hosts for Sunday, July 10th to Saturday, July 16th. The meals are to be prepared or brought by 5:30 and served at 6 p.m. Someone from the meal crew will need to stay until 7 p.m. at which time a host crew will be with them until 9:45 p.m. The sign up board will be in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, corral Mike Holder or call/text him at 208-305-2547. Thanks in advance for all you do!

Mike Holder



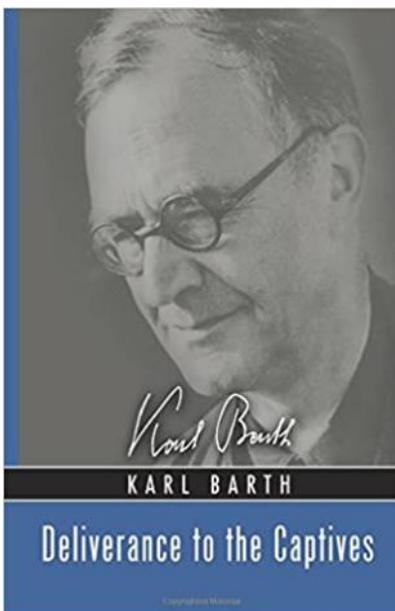
Family Promise

DEEP ROOTS: THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

TUESDAYS AT 3PM

Study Begins Tuesday July 12th

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.



Bible Study

www.congopres.org

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AUGUST LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY JULY 18TH

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 submission.



If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, July 26th at 9am.



Sr. Picnic at Herritt Park
Thursday June 16th. Look for
more pictures in the August



FIT & FALL PROOF

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

Senior Ministries Lunch
at
TOMATO BROS.

When: Thursday July 14th

Where: Tomato Bros. in Clarkston

Time: 11:30 am
(meet at restaurant)

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall
or by calling the Church Office
at 208-743-4444.





Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on Monday August 1st at 10am in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.

Men's Bible Study will not meet this summer while Pastor Steve is on Sabbatical (July 1 – August 14). We will reconvene on Wednesday, August 17, meeting every Wednesday morning, 6:45–7:45am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads the Bible study and discussion, and we are currently reading the book of First Corinthians. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with men of the church.



The Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly, during the months of September through May, *on Fridays, at 10am*. For more information please contact Gayle Beck.

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 Room. Please contact Rona Meske for more information.

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 Peggy Fulton.

CPC Online Alpha Course meets Sunday afternoons at 2pm. Please pray for our participants. This course is designed for people who don't consider themselves to be Christian and want a safe place to ask their questions. Sign up at cpcalpha@gmail.com. Any questions please contact Cliff or Bobbi Matousek.

A new Divorce Care class has begun. If you are interested in participating please contact John or Loa Vornholt.





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OFFICE HOURS:

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

July

All Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9a Sr. Exercise 7p Youth Fro-Yo Friday	2
3 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:30a Staff Mtg	6 9a Senior Exercise 3:30p Kids Club 7p Youth Frisbee Golf 7p Membership & Evangelism	7	8 9a Sr. Exercise 7p Youth Fro-Yo Friday	9
10 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship 7p Youth Summer Breakout	11 9a Sr. Exercise	12 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	13 9a Senior Exercise 10:30a Senior Ministry Team Mtg. 3:30p Kids Club 7p Youth Frisbee Golf FAMILY PROMISE WEEK	14 11:30a Sr. Lunch @ Tomato Bros.	15 9a Sr. Exercise 7p Youth Fro-Yo Friday	16
17 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9a Worship 9a Children's Church 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship	18 LINK DEADLINE 9a Sr. Exercise	19 9:30a Staff Mtg 3p Deep Roots	20 9a Senior Exercise 3:30p Kids Club 7p Youth Frisbee Golf	21 9a Youth Trip to Triple Play	22 9a Sr. Exercise 7p Youth Fro-Yo Friday	23
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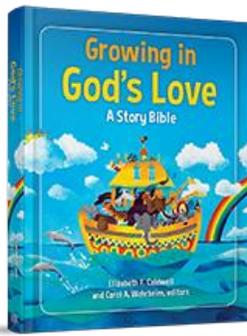
31 COMMUNION
9a Worship
9a Children's Church
10:15a Fellowship
11a Worship
12n Fellowship



My peace
I give unto you
Let not your heart

be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27



This summer, we will be working through two themes in our Growing in God's Love story bibles: *Brave Women and Men of the Old Testament* and *Healings and Miracles*. We encourage you to engage your child in conversation about these exciting lessons. If you would like resources to help you in these conversations, please reach out to Pastor McLane.



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 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.

"Always put your hope in God."
— Hosea 12:6



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at CongoPres Kids Club! Join us Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 p.m. 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 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Kids' Club will meet in the Children's Ministry space directly below the Sanctuary. Please use the ramp entrance to enter and exit.

Kid's Club will meet through July!



Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! Come to the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities.

***A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15 a.m. 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.