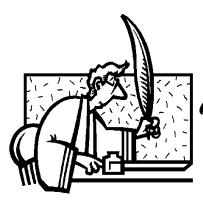
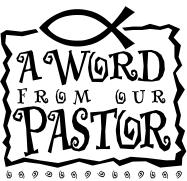


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Howdy Everyone.

As we begin this September Season I am reminded and grateful for the many folks who have joined in reading through the Bible during this year. We are 66% through our journey. If you haven't been reading along it is never too late to start. We will be continuing to tackle the tough questions on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and for the newcomers we will resurrect our Bible introduction on Wednesday nights at 5:15 beginning September 14.

Why read the Bible? Some have said the Bible is the most purchased and least read book in the world. I don't know the statistics but my guess is the statement may be true. Those who claim the name Christian approach the Bible from a wide variety of ways: total literalism; allegory and metaphor; nice historic insights; a book of religious compilations; stories that have been passed on generation to generation similar to Aesop's Fables; etc. So, why read the Bible?

. It places in context the life of and the reason for Jesus as our savior and Lord. The Bible presents "The History of Salvation" as the German scholars of the 19th century called it. People fell out of intimacy with God in the Garden of Eden. Humpty-Dumpty needed to be put back together again and the Bible reveals how.

. It passes on to us the core values of our faith. From God's purposes for the world from creation to the godly code of conduct called the 10 Commandments to salvation by grace not works the Bible teaches us the core values by which we should live.

. It gives us wisdom learned by previous generations to help us live in our present situation. I am reminded of the theme of Proverbs: "The fear (awe and respect) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." and "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" and "Love God with all your heart...and love your neighbor..."

It is the primary written tool through which Holy Spirit

shapes and molds us into the type of people God wants us to be. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 says God's inspired word is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training so we can be equipped for every good work.

. It provides a common source by which we can share our spiritual journeys. Agree or disagree with one another, the Bible provides a common source by which we can talk about and share our spiritual lives.

So how do we start? As in most areas of life, it takes a while to get up to speed. We have a young friend who is in the process of becoming a bank teller. She is going through 80 hours of training to learn the language and the procedures. Why do we expect this in business but not in our faith? *It will take time. Commit to it.* Every long journey begins with a single step.

Get involved in a Bible study. Most journeys are more fun when we have traveling companions.

Don't be afraid to *ask questions*. Often the question you are brave enough to ask is a question others are wanting to ask.

Make it a regular part of your week. Like learning any new thing, repetition and regularity are important. I am not a good golfer. Why? I only play a few times a year. I could get better but I am not able (let me translate this more accurate: I am unwilling) to put the time in to change this fact.

This month we begin our church program year. There will be many opportunities to grow deeper in the faith we want to pass on. Make a commitment and jump into the process. You will not be sorry. God's Word will become for you "A lamp unto your feet and a light for your path" (Psalm 119:105)

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer filled with many outdoor adventures and time with family, friends, and God. I am looking forward to our Fall line-up of opportunities to engage our faith in Christ. I would like to highlight a few possibilities...

The Prodigal God: Six-Week Class

I will be facilitating a six-week class based on Tim Keller's best-selling book, The Prodigal God. Keller is a Presbyterian pastor who founded one of the largest and most influential Presbyterian churches of our day in downtown New York City. He is a best-selling author and one of our nation's most prominent preachers. We will be taking a deeper look at one of Jesus' most well-known parables. This class will be beneficial to seekers, new believers, and people who have been walking with the Lord for years and even decades. I hope you will join me in this potentially lifetransforming class. I promise it will encourage you, challenge you, and stretch your faith. Please welcome your friends and co-workers. I will offer the class both on Sundays at 9:00am (starting September 11th) and Wednesdays at 5:15pm (starting September 14th)... come on whatever day works best for you. Please RSVP with me so that I know how many study guides to buy.

Parent's Night Out - Friday September 30th

This night is our way of ministering to parents. Whether you are a single-parent or a married couple, please come drop your kids off at the church and we'll take care of them while you enjoy a night to yourself. We'll provide wholesome Christian activities for your children while you spend time caring for your soul, your health, and/or your marriage. If you don't have kids or no longer have young children, please volunteer to help... we need you.

Sunday Night Youth Group

Starting on Sunday night, September 11^a from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, we will be offering middle school and high school youth group at the same time, but in different groups. We will gather for a home-cooked meal; we will enjoy being led in worship by our new youth band; and then we will finish off the night in separate groups of middle school and high school students as we discuss issues of faith and life. We will end the night by playing fun games and activities.

Wednesday After-School Program

We are resurrecting our Wednesday After-School program. Please read Cindy's article on the CYF page for more details. This is a great opportunity for our students to have a safe and fun place to go after school, to do homework and work in our computer lab, to hang out with friends, play games, and learn ministry skills in order to bless our community and congregation.

<u>Upward Basketball</u>

And of course... it's time for Upward Basketball!! Register now! We need coaches and volunteers.

I'm looking forward to seeing God move in and through us this Fall...

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben

POST COLLEGE INTERN JOINS PCJH



Greetings! My name is Preston Gordon, and as of August 29th I am the new intern here at PCJH. I am so excited to be out here in Jackson with the opportunity to serve the Lord through your church. Since almost all of you know nothing about me, allow me to briefly introduce myself. I am from Charlotte, North Carolina (go Tar Heels!) and have spent my last four years of life in Nashville, Tennessee at Vanderbilt University (go 'Dores!). Needless to say, I love the South - especially its delicious cuisine. If you can find sweet tea in Jackson, be sure to let me know where. I have an awesome family who raised me to love the Lord and snow skiing. I have one (recently married) brother who I've been skiing down mountains with since we were a few years old. Actually, I love most things that involve mountains and exploring them, so if you ever need someone to join you on an outdoor adventure, let me know. I've heard that you have some pretty good mountains out here...I also love my Jeep Wrangler, live music (Nashville spoiled me), traveling, and continually learning how to love people like Jesus does. Which is a key reason why I came out here to work with your church! Working with people and talking about Jesus is something that makes me feel alive and like I'm working for a greater purposetwo things I deeply desire in my work at this time in my life. I'm excited to work full-time in a church and learn what that is like, and hope that God will show me this year if pursuing full-time ministry is what he has for me. I look forward to meeting you all (seriously...I know almost no one at this point besides Ben) and becoming a part of your church family! ~Preston Gordon



The Middle School Wind River Backpackers hiked from Elkhart Park to Titcomb Basin from August 15th to 19th. Left to right...Katelyn Coleman, Shyla, Pastor Ben, Paxton Northrup, Dave Scott, Ryland Sauter, Roslyn Gwilliam, Andrew Lewis, Karen Colclough.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

SAVE THE DATES!

<u>September 5th ~</u> Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed.

September 9th ~ Broncs First Home Game. JH Youth Alliance 5th Quarter from 9:00pm to 11:00 pm.

September 11th ~ Fall Sunday School Classes begin at the 10:15 Worship Service. NEW THIS YEAR... on-line registration for Sunday School. Please go to pcjh.org for registration information.

MS & HS Youth Group Fun Night! Invite your friends! 5:30 to 7:30 pm here at PCJH.

September 14th ~ Afterschool Mid-Week Rendezvous Begins! YOU MUST BE REGIS-TERED to participate! Please look on-line at pcjh.org for registration information.

September 18th ~ CYF Volunteer Kick-Off Breakfast and Training, 9:00 to 10:00am. This is for all people who are interested in volunteering for CYF in addition to our current volunteers. Details will be on the website.

MS & HS Youth Group, 5:30 to 7:30pm at PCJH.

September 22nd ~ Upward Basketball Coaches Meeting and Training at PCJH from 5:30 to 7:00pm

September 25th ~ MS & HS Youth Group, 5:30 to 7:30pm at PCJH.

September 30th ~ Parent's Night Out (formally known as Date Night)! 5:30 to 7:30pm here at PCJH. Look for registration details on the website.

MS/HS Broncs Home Game. JH Youth Alliance 5th Quarter from 9:00 to 11:00pm.

Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

September 2011

Sunday School Begins Sept. 11th at the 10:15 Worship Service

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a fantastic summer break! We have been enjoying our Group Sunday School together and are excited about getting back to our regular fall classes. There will be be some small changes this year to our Sunday School time together and we'll wait to let you in on those things when Sunday School begins on Sept. 11th. The biggest change will be registration. We need every family to register their children for Sunday School so that we will have current information to update our records for birthdays, mailing/email addresses and identify any food allergies and/or special needs. Please register your family by Sept. 5th! We are also looking for parents to be involved in this ministry on a rotational basis. Go on-line to register and fill out your volunteer choices at pcjh.org/ Get Involved/Children/Sunday School. Blessings to You! Cindy Zabriskie



MID-WEEK RENDEZVOUS

Hello Again! This year we are excited to be picking the elementary kids up from school and bringing them back here to PCJH for some quality, organized fellowship time together. Our program will be from after school on Wednesdays until 6:15 pm. Parents can pick up their children and join our Fellowship Dinner which begins at 6:15pm or come earlier for adult education classes that begin at 5:15 pm. It is our intent to provide quality programming for your children after school as we strive to Gather, Grow and Go as a congregation and community of believers in Jesus Christ.. This year we will be requiring registration and parental volunteer time for the program. We will also be charging a modest fee this year to offset the costs of gas, food and materials. It is our hope that by requiring a formal registration process that we will get a commitment from families to participate on a consistent weekly basis. We will be using 252 Basics curriculum by the Rethink Group. Many of the projects we will be doing will require 1 to 3 weeks to complete. We look forward to spending some rich, nourishing time together with you and your children on Wednesday's. Please go to PCJH.org under Get Involved/Children/Wednesday Rendezvous for registration and fee information. Thank You for your participation and support! Serving Christ with You, Cindy Zabriskie



The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole Presents: Jesus Oriented Youth in Jackson Hole Vacation Bible Summer

Camp

Thank You PCJH Family for Your support!

We had a wonderful summer of fun, fellowship, and following Jesus - God Sightings were plentiful! Our staff, teachers, and "leaders in training" were such a blessing - sharing our Lord's love with & guiding 76 campers! Great thanks to all of the support from our church family through donations and time volunteering we could not have done it without your help. Thank you! In Christ, Diane McGee

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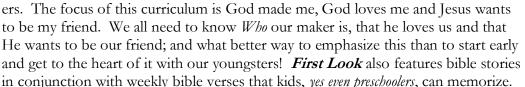
Sunday School Music Volunteer ~ Do you play guitar? Do you play piano? Do you love to work with kids? Consider helping with our Sunday School music program. We could use your help with seasonal performances and singing worship songs during our opening time for 20 to 30 minutes.

Have you registered for Sunday School and Mid-Week Rendezvous? ~ You'll be able to find the forms on line at our website pcjh.org under the Get Involved/Children's heading.

God's Little Lambs

September is full of fun at Little Lambs! We are kicking off the school year with "A Healthy Start", promoting fun, kidfriendly exercises and healthy foods.

We are going to be introducing a new bible curriculum through the Rethink Group called *First Look* for Preschool-



We love having volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for crafts, reading, science experiments or have your own fun activity you'd like to share with our Little Lambs, please contact Erin Holmes at 734-0388 ext. 111 or eholmes@pcjh.org.

Youth News

The entire CYF Staff is looking forward to an exciting Fall with the Middle School and High School students! Here are just some of the activities that we are planning for you!

MS & HS Youth Group

Sundays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm September 11th, 18th, 25th

The 5th Quarter

Fridays from 9:00pm to 11:00pm September 9th & 30th

After-School Mid-Week Rendezvous Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 6:15pm September 14th, 21st, 28th

MS Lock-In & HS Retreat Coming Soon!

We will be contacting students by **Facebook** and on our website at **pcjh.org**. It will be easy to get plugged into this dynamic and powerful ministry! Stay tuned and get ready for a fun-filled and faith-filled time with us. We are looking forward to getting to know you better!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Singles and Couples: If you are interested in signing up for Fellowship Dinner Groups that will begin meeting again in September please call the church office or email Cindy Dahlin at cindydahlin@hotmail.com. These groups meet 1x a month, sharing the host duties. Wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other PCJH members and friends ! We do have the names of those that did signup in our June marketing.

If you are a MARRIED COUPLE and would like to continue or join the Married Couple Fellowship Dinners that meet throughout the year with readings and leadership from Pastor Ben, please also contact the people above.

Thank you ALL for your interest in promoting our Gather, Grow and Go !!

Summer Hiking Fellowship

The hiking fellowship is coordinated each summer by Ken Blout, and if you wish to learn more, simply e-mail blountkr@gmail.com. The group enjoyed several great hikes in August, ending the summer season with a challenging hike to Table Mountain, via Idaho.



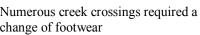


Meg Womack and Kathy Johnson



Lunch and the view from the summit made our sore feel worthwhile!

Thanks to Ed Wigg for taking photos and organizing this trek.





Debbie Schlinger (center) and friends

2011 Summer Sale Volunteers

2011 Summer Sale A Great Success



Patricia Agger

Joni Alexander

Cathy Blount

Cydni Bryant

Sally Byrne

Matt Covne

Josh Day

John Drew

Karen Ford

Steve Fralin

Lvnn Friess

Brad Herman

Talitha Horn

Jeanne Robbins

Derek Johnson

Sheilah Kasten

Bonnie Kemper

Becky Kimmel

Betty Sue Lyell

Julie Matzke

Diane McGee

Mary Miller

Fran Misterly

June Nystrom

Susan Ordway

George Scarlett

Claudia Schrotz Lynn Sherwood-

Kim Schnagl

Debbie Schlinger

Robyn & Randy Reedy

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Pam & Doug Sanders

Grace Pike

Jean Pillers

Therese Metherell

Debbie Kopp Judy Legg

Deb Keenan

Brooks Harshman

Terri & Paul Hayden

Elizabeth Hennessy

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& Ralph Hudelson

Terry & Margaret Jones

Don Cushman

Tina Edwards

Sue & Alan Bybee

Shirley & Ed Cheramy

Eileen & Bill Blackwell

Jan Benz

The church's annual Summer Sale (formerly Rummage Sale) Saturday, August 13, continued the decade long tradition of being a great success and a wonderful outreach to our communities. The line of customers from all over the area and out of state was stretched across the parking

lot of the Fair Building to the street when this popular event opened the doors at 8am.

The sale takes five days to set up—that's a lot of sorting and pricing! It would never be possible without all the helping hands both within and outside of this church. More than 80 volunteers put in over 800 hours. It was great to see many PCJH folks getting involved for the first time this year, especially since some veterans of this event have moved away in the past year.

The sale would not be feasible without generous contributions from the congregation and the community. Thanks to Karen Ford, once again this year, for year-long use of a storage unit in Wilson. Teton Trash again donated, delivered and picked up the dumpster. Community trucks from the Gillespie Group at Sotheby's and from Habitat's Re-Store were used for hauling, along with trucks from MANY friends. The Habitat Re-Store and See 'n Save in Driggs accepted the unsold items when our sale ended. The Community Resource Center (CRC) received coats, wool socks and shoes for their clients.

We tried out some different ideas this year: added new "shops" for better clothes and finer household goods; added more clothes racks which reduced the height of clothes piled on the tables; separated the entrance and the exit; arranged merchandise tables differently, and added a "hold" area for people still shopping. According to the many positive comments from customers and volunteers, the changes resulted in easier shopping and traffic flow.

The 4-hour event grossed over \$9,200 before expenses. Donations of furniture were down this year, and we opened with lower prices on basic needs. The church Finance Team will determine use of the funds, which, in the past, has included community needs, as well as church programs.

If you contributed items and still need a receipt, please call the church office.

Again, thanks to all who helped in so many ways, as we reach out in faith and trust to serve, following the example of the world's greatest Servant.

Melinda Shirk Joanie & John Shipman Barb Simms Janice Skinner Emily & Kristen Smith Judy Swann Teton Trash—Krista Schupman Mary Ann Tapp Bobbi & Ken Thomasma Barbara & Larry VanGenderen Martha & Warren VanGenderen Barbara Winter Stefanie Womack Suzanne Young Sandra & Jeff Zender Becky Zaist

Also, thanks for help from the community:

The Gillespie Group at Sotheby's ...Community Truck

Garth & Christy Gillespie and Katie Colbert

Habitat Re-Store ... Community Truck

Jake Bynum

See 'n Save Thrift Shop in Driggs, ID

Del Ray and KJAX Radio

Estella Torres ... Latino Resource Center

We apologize if we omitted anyone's name from this list.

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Share some of the Fun from J.O.Y. 2011



Is God Calling you to Get Involved at PCJH? Learn more about church needs following worship on Sunday, September 11th.

Join us Wednesdays, starting 9/15 for our Resurrected Mid Week Rendezvous for all ages. Exciting changes being planned for the Fellowship Dinners too! September 2011

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